HAYATE, WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING?!

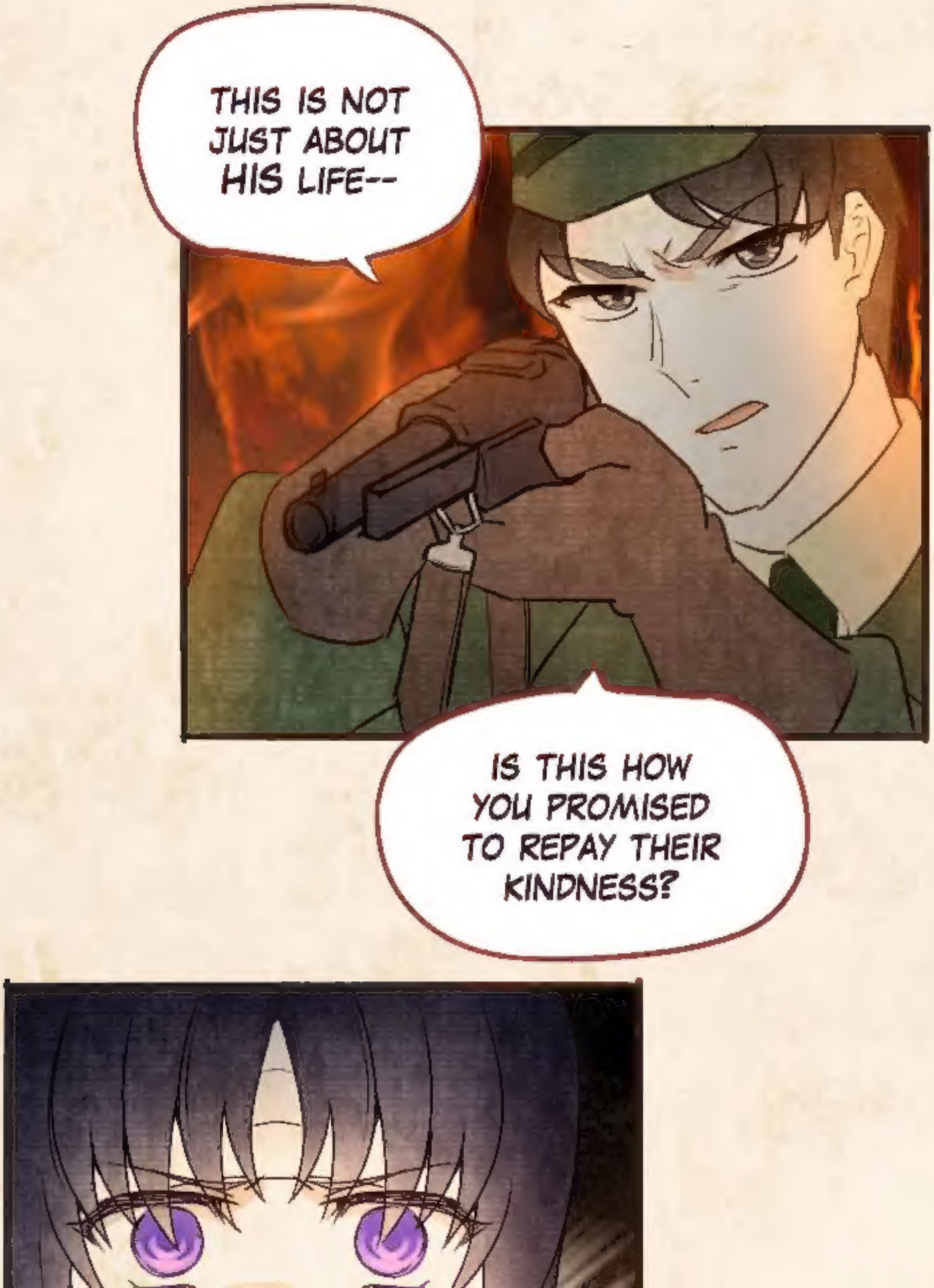
LUCIUS?!
HOW DID YOU--

HAVE YOU ALREADY FORGOTTEN ABOUT OUR VOW?!

BACK OFF!

DON'T FORGET

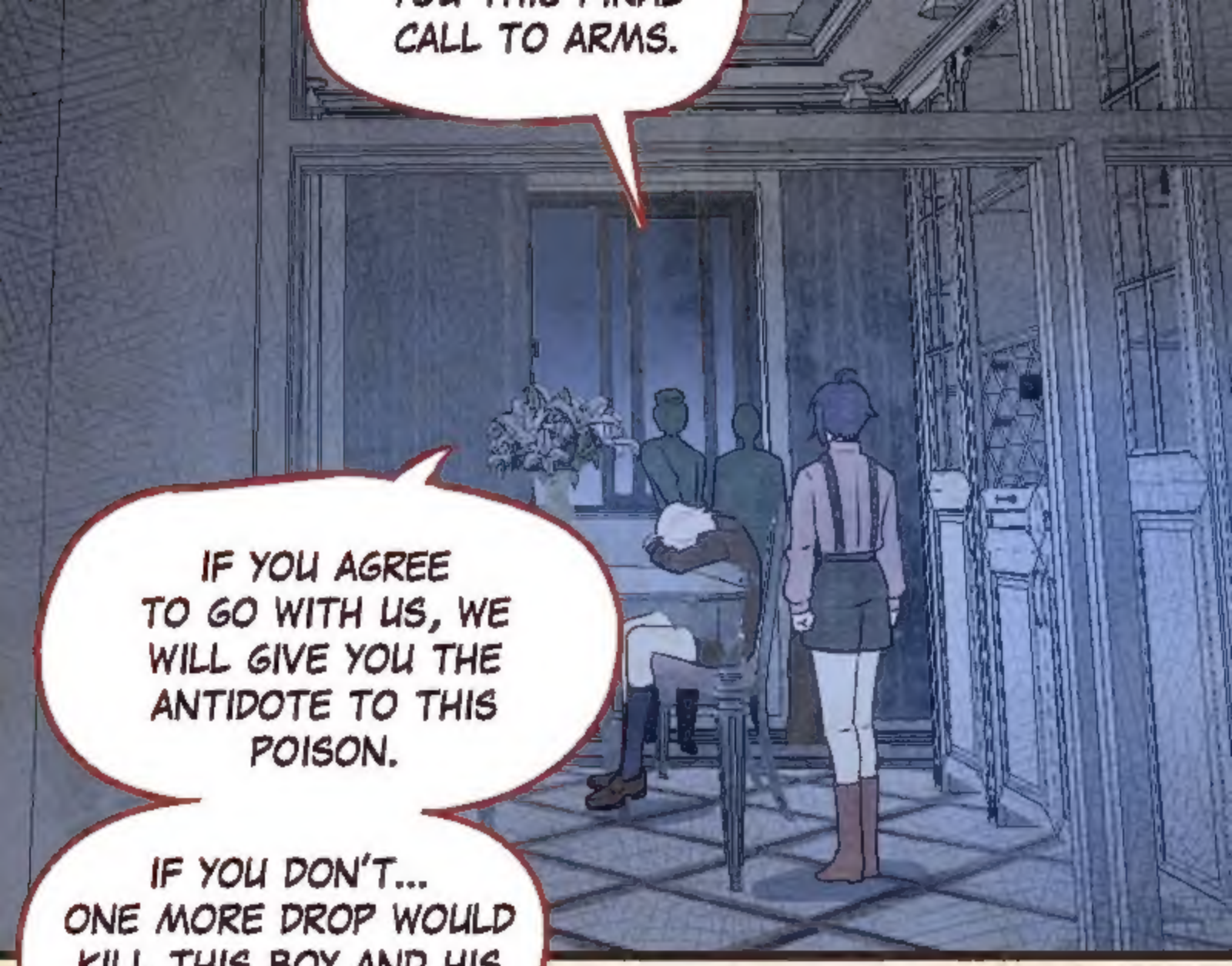
ABOUT OUR DEAL, HAYATE!


THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT HIS LIFE--
IS THIS HOW YOU PROMISED TO REPAY THEIR KINDNESS?

I...

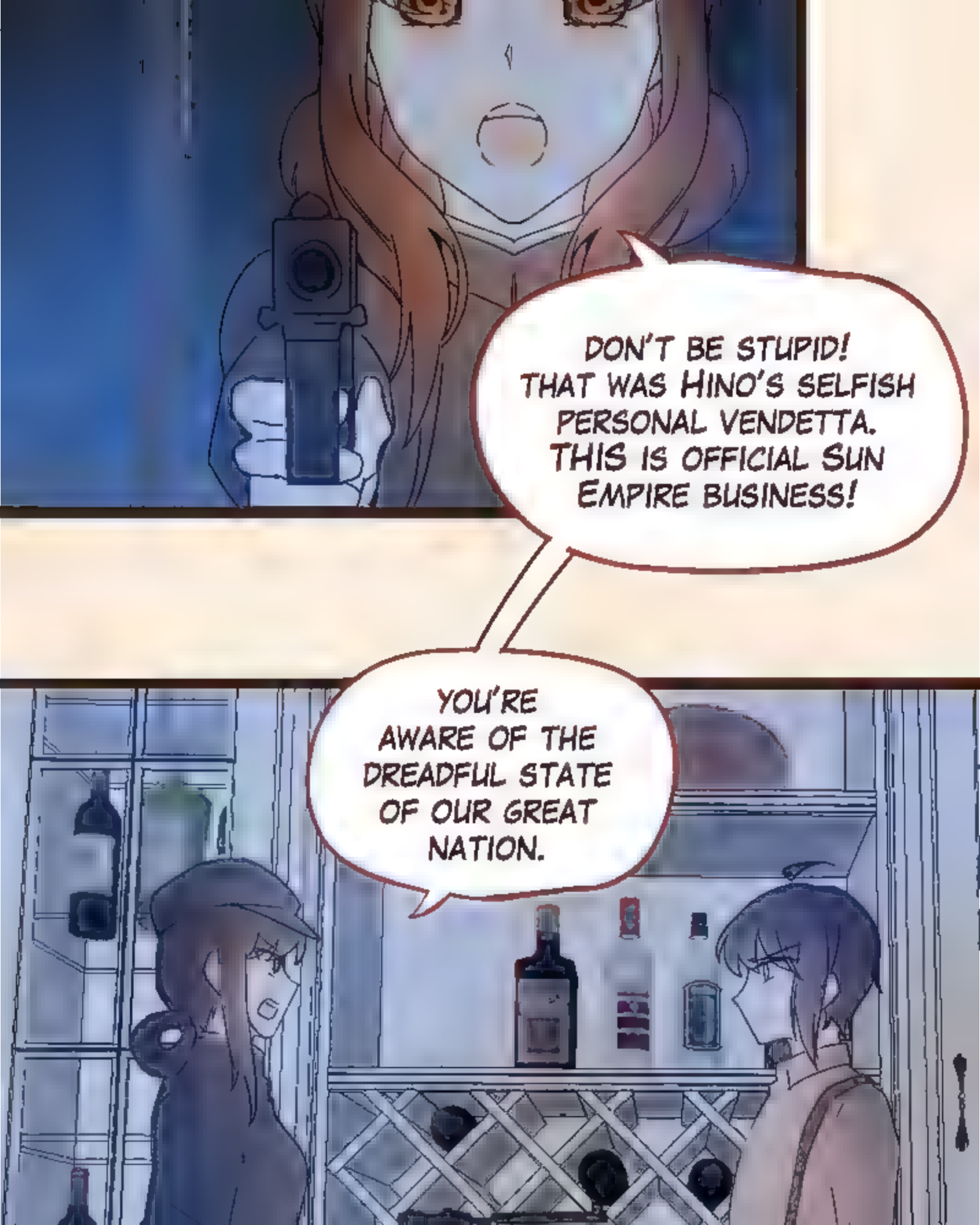
DON'T MOVE, HAYATE.

YOU GAVE US NO CHOICE BUT TO DO THIS...
TO DELIVER


CALL TO ARMS.
IF YOU AGREE TO GO WITH US, WE WILL GIVE YOU THE ANTIDOTE TO THIS POISON.
IF YOU DON'T... ONE MORE DROP WOULD KILL THIS BOY AND HIS PARENTS INSTANTLY.

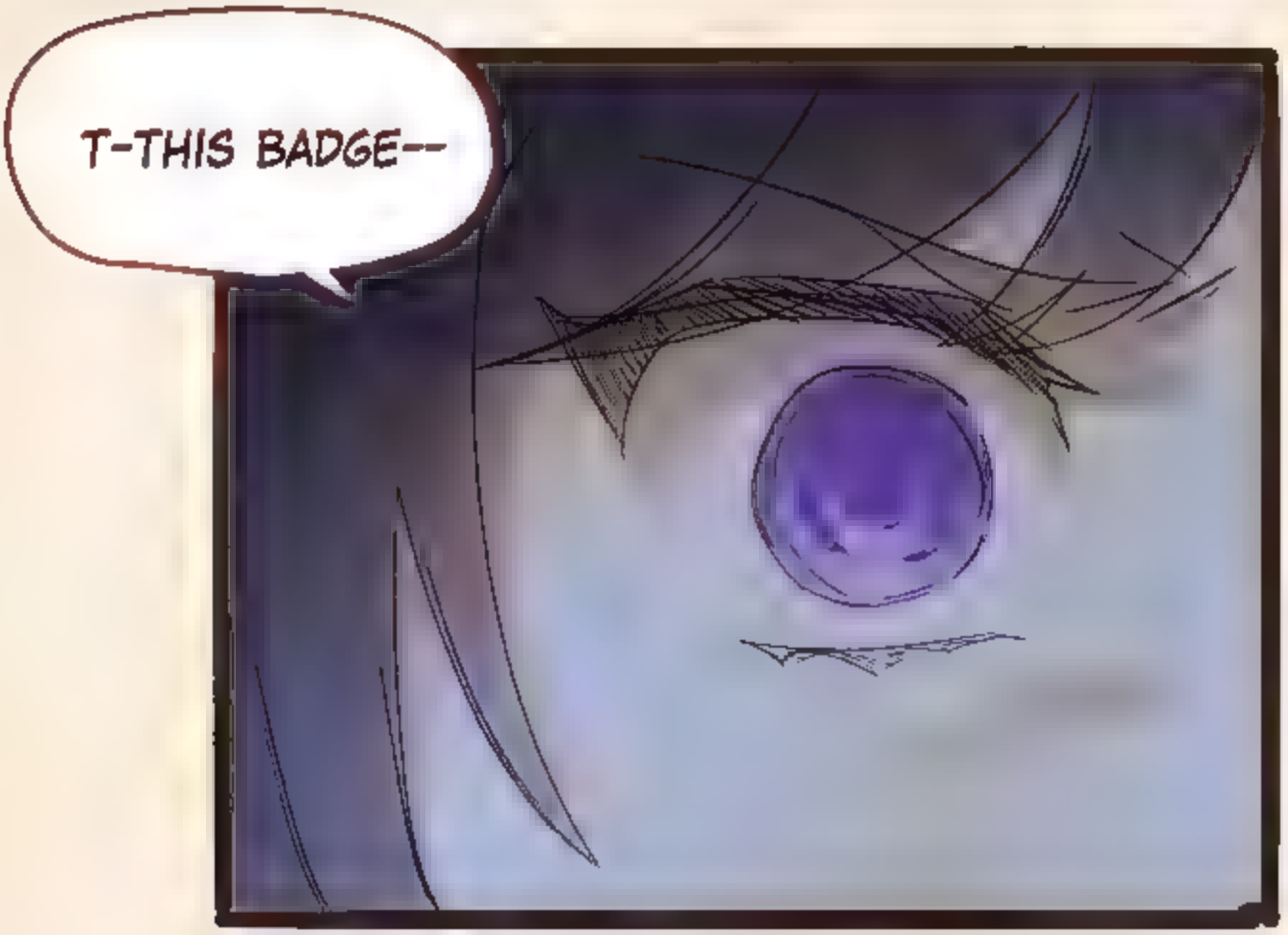
YOU'RE WILLING TO GO THIS FAR JUST TO PUNISH ME?

HINO SACRIFICED YUTA TO SET ME UP JUST LAST WEEK! AM I REALLY WORTH ALL THIS?!


DON'T BE STUPID! THAT WAS HINO'S SELFISH PERSONAL VENDETTA. THIS IS OFFICIAL SUN EMPIRE BUSINESS!
YOU'RE AWARE OF THE DREADFUL STATE OF OUR GREAT NATION.

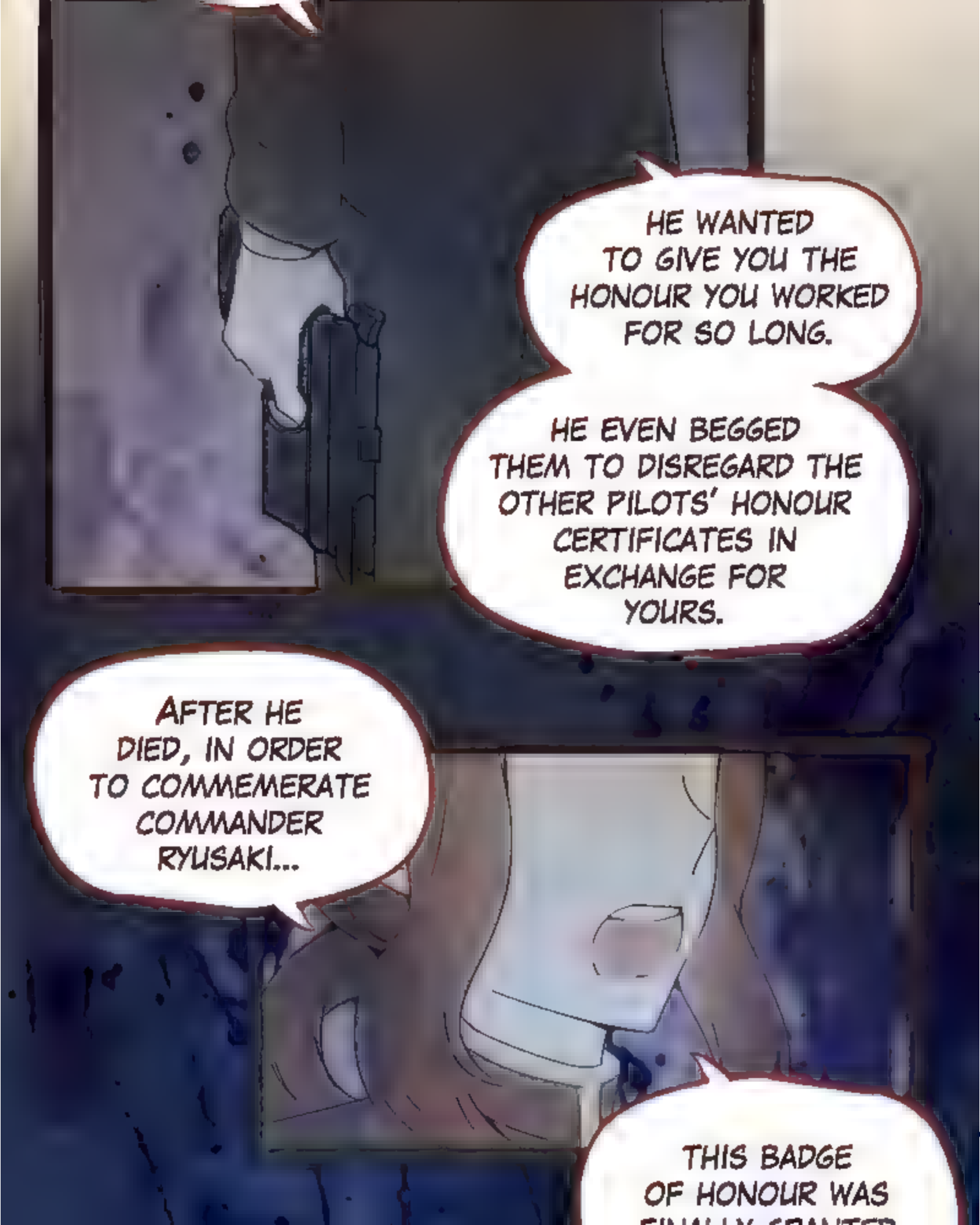
EVEN NURSES LIKE ME ARE BEING SENT OUT TO THE BATTLEFIELDS FOR LACK OF SOLDIERS!
HINO LEFT THIS OUT BEFORE HE WENT AND GOT HIMSELF KILLED.

IT'S FROM YOUR FATHER. HINO THOUGHT YOU WERE UNDESERVING OF SUCH A GREAT HONOUR.


T-THIS BADGE--

THIS IS A MEDAL OF HONOR FOR TOP KAMIKAZE SOLDIERS--
IT HAS MY NAME CARVED IN THE BACK!

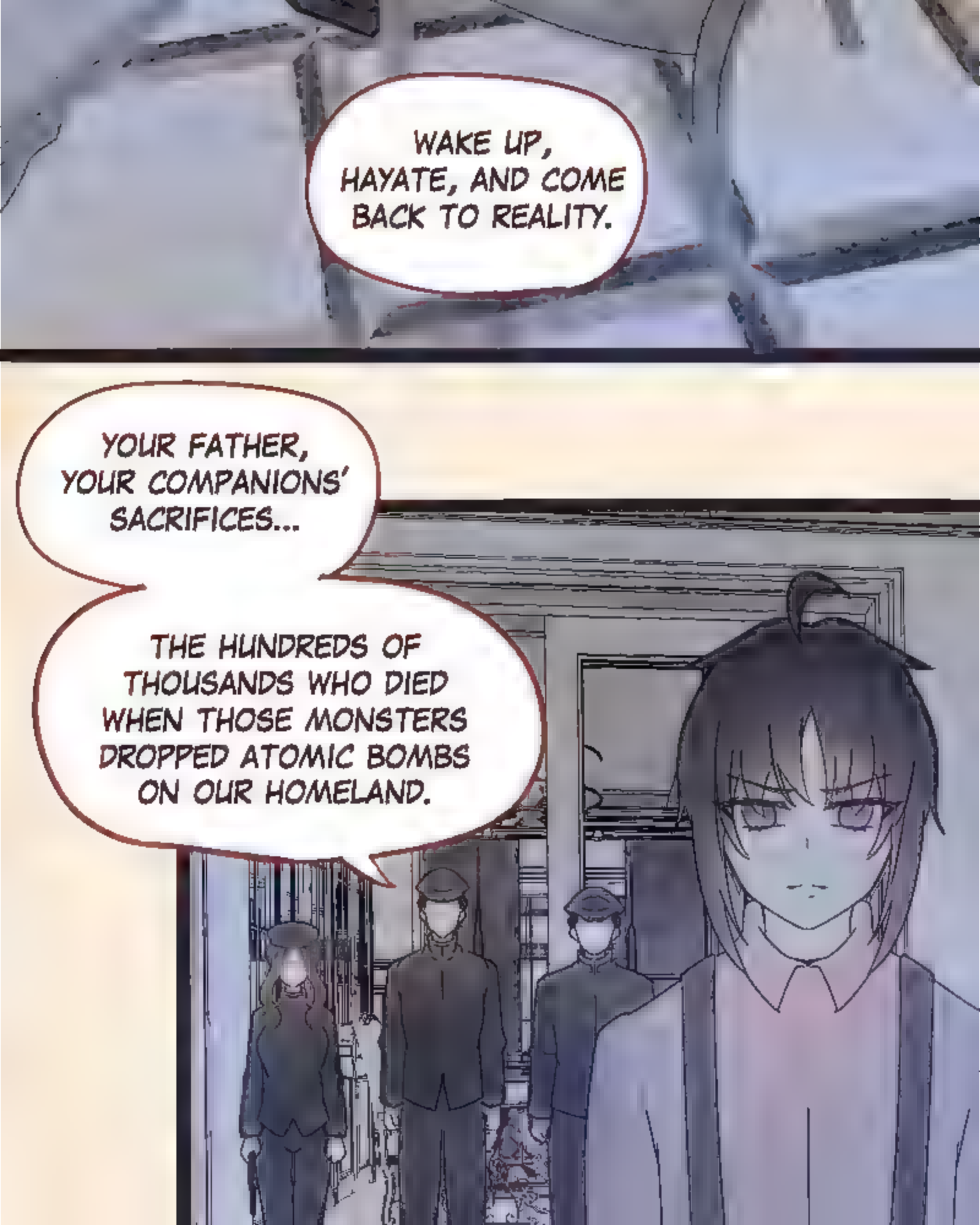
AND A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM HEADQUATERS..!
COMMANDER RYUSAKI BEGGED THE TOP BRASS AT HEADQUARTERS FOR THIS BADGE...

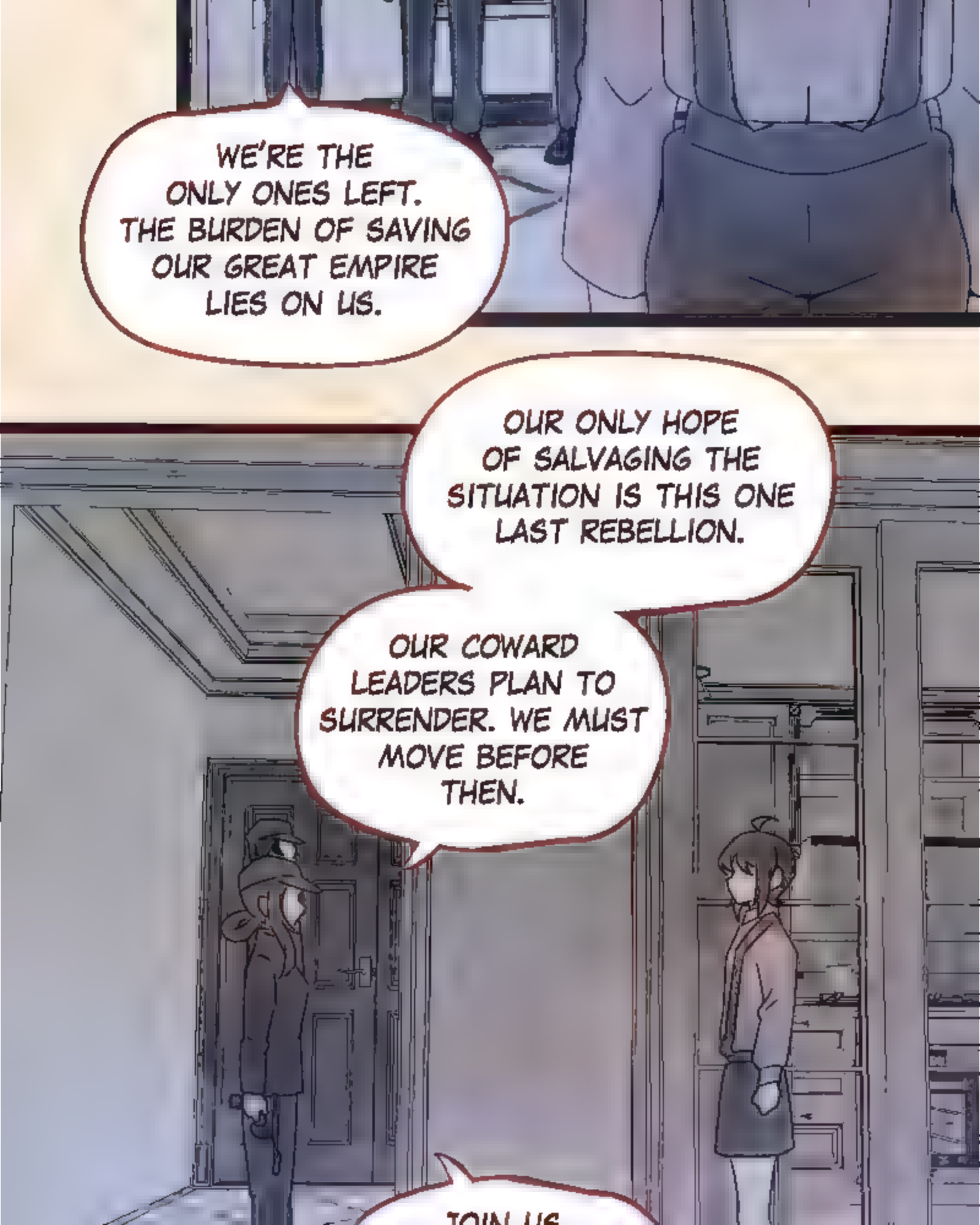

HE WANTED TO GIVE YOU THE HONOUR YOU WORKED FOR SO LONG.
HE EVEN BEGGED THEM TO DISREGARD THE OTHER PILOTS' HONOUR CERTIFICATES IN EXCHANGE FOR YOURS.
AFTER HE DIED, IN ORDER TO COMMEMERATE COMMANDER RYUSAKI...
THIS BADGE OF HONOUR WAS

FINALLY GRANTED TO YOU!
YET, YOU, HAYATE, ARE NOWHERE CLOSE TO DESERVING OF THIS!
YOU BETRAYED OUR UNIT FOR SOME IDIOT SPOILED BRITISH BOY!

ALL WHILE YOUR FATHER WAS SACRIFICING EVERYTHING FOR YOU, AND YOU NEVER NOTICED!
I... I...

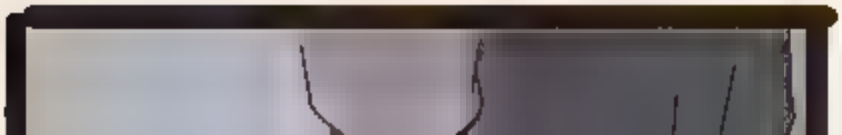
THIS BRITISH BRAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU OR OUR UNIT, HAYATE.
YOU WERE NEVER EVEN MEANT TO MEET.

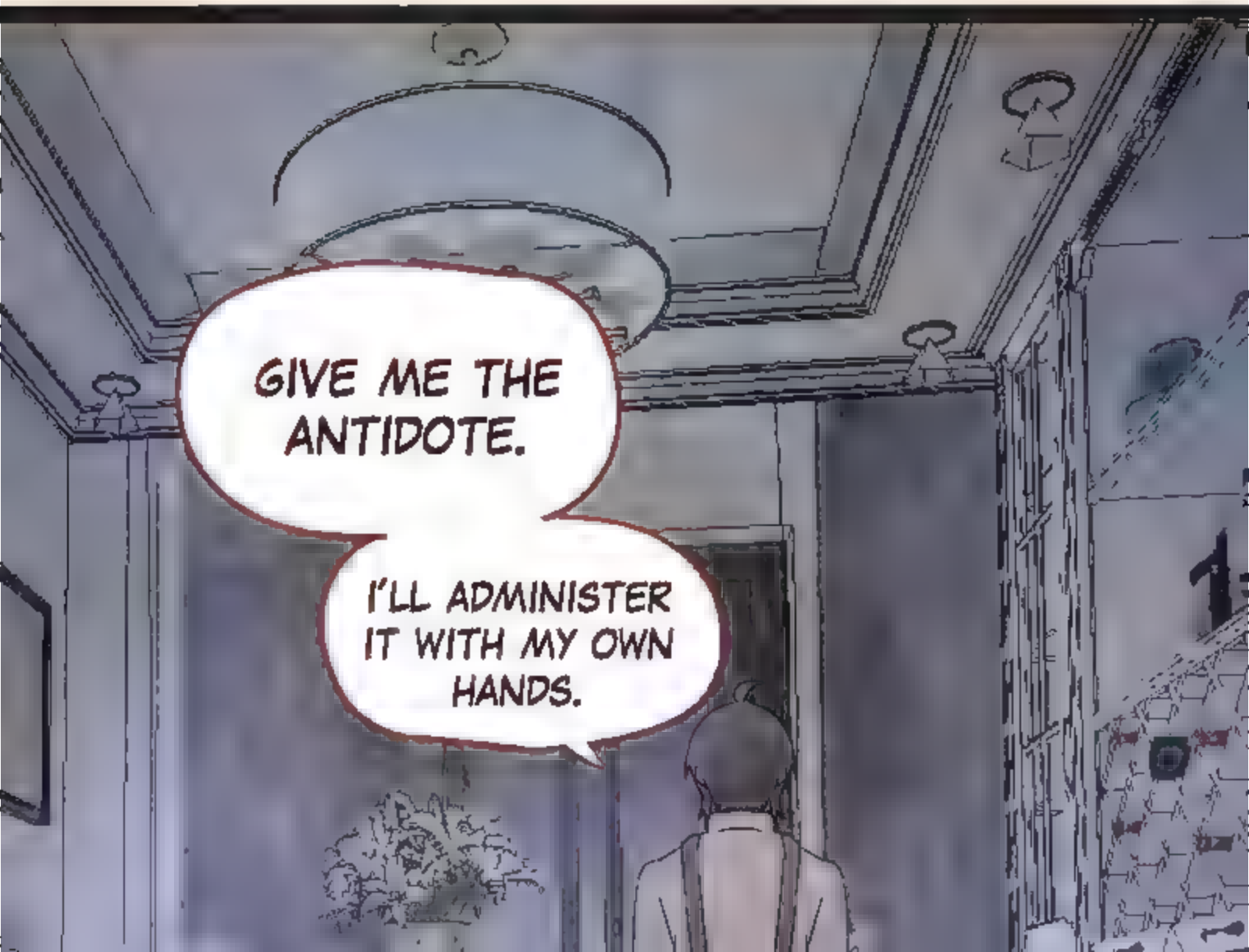

WAKE UP, HAYATE, AND COME BACK TO REALITY.
YOUR FATHER, YOUR COMPANIONS' SACRIFICES...
THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS WHO DIED WHEN THOSE MONSTERS DROPPED ATOMIC BOMBS ON OUR HOMELAND.

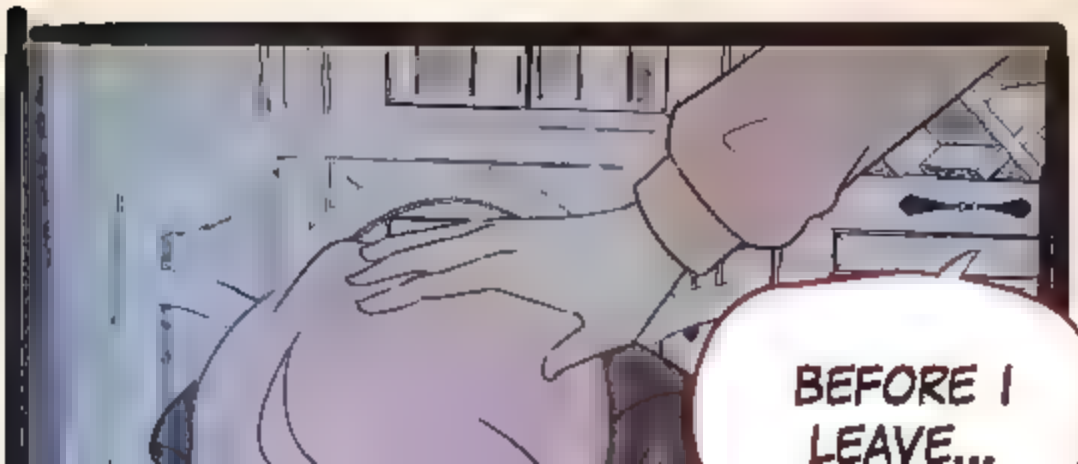

WE'RE THE ONLY ONES LEFT. THE BURDEN OF SAVING OUR GREAT EMPIRE LIES ON US.
OUR ONLY HOPE OF SALVAGING THE SITUATION IS THIS ONE LAST REBELLION.
OUR COWARD LEADERS PLAN TO SURRENDER. WE MUST MOVE BEFORE THEN.

JOIN US.
DESTROY THE CENTRAL CHINESE CAPITAL BUILDING IN SHANGHAI, HAYATE.

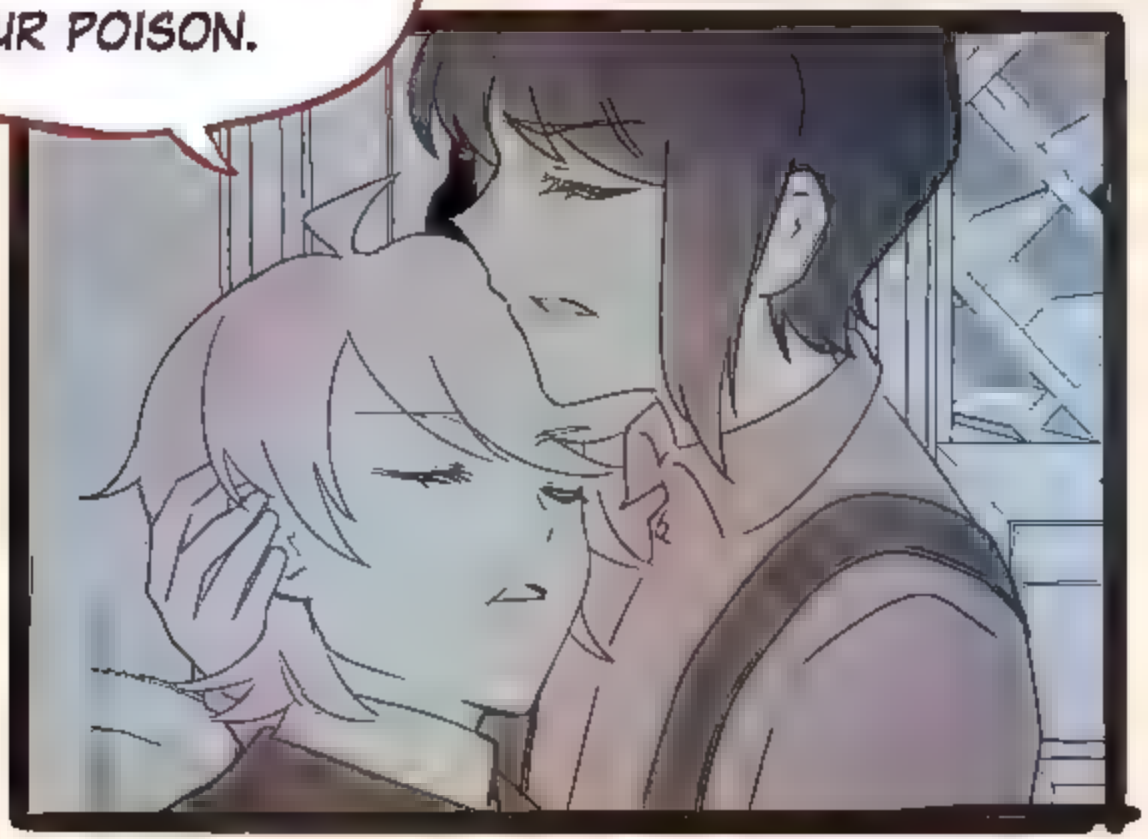
THIS IS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD'VE DONE LONG AGO.




GIVE ME THE ANTIDOTE.
I'LL ADMINISTER IT WITH MY OWN HANDS.


BEFORE I LEAVE...

I NEED TO MAKE SURE HE AND HIS FAMILY ARE SAFE FROM YOUR POISON.



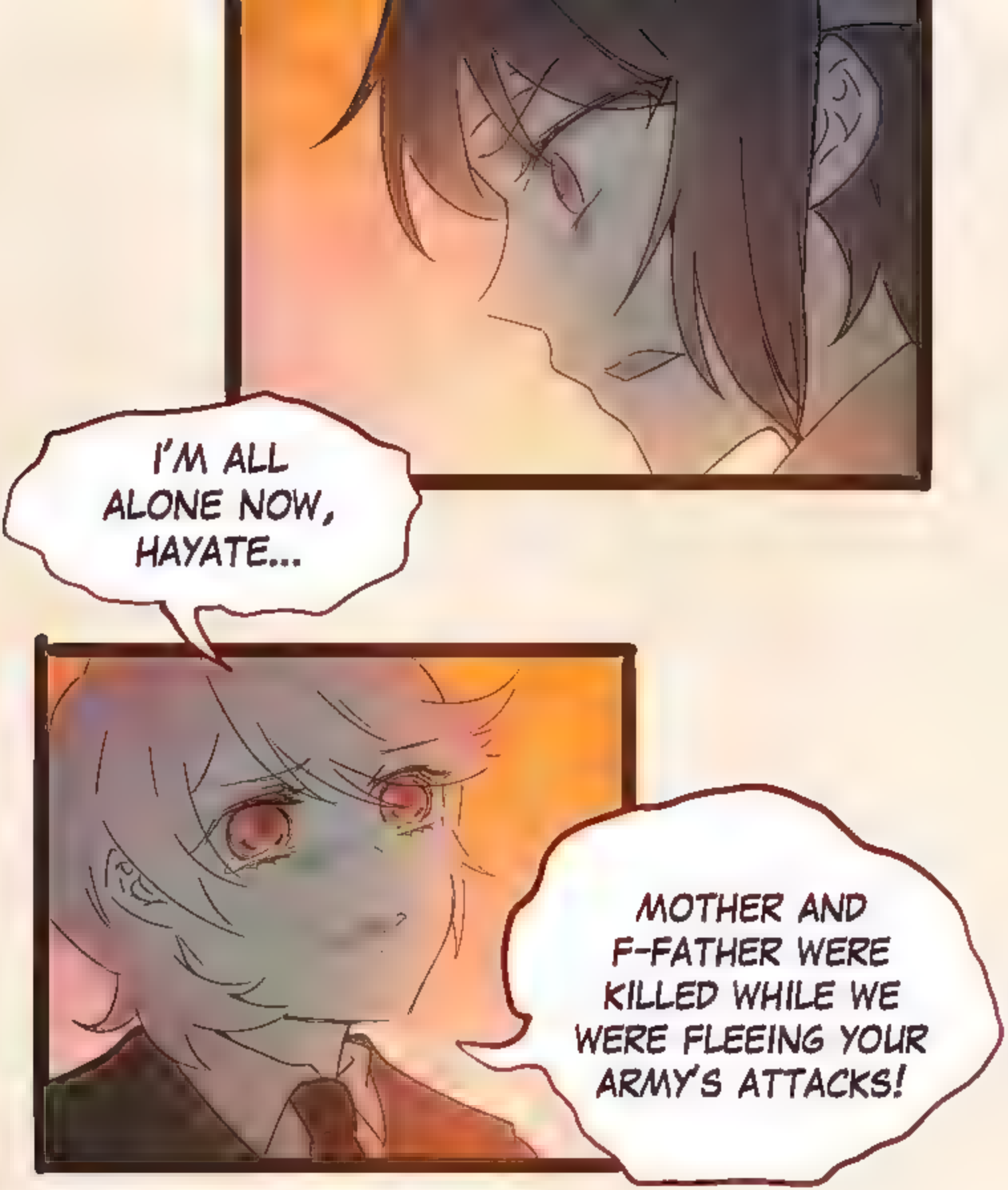
AND YOU ALL MUST PROMISE ME TO PROTECT THEM AFTER I'M GONE.

I HAVE TO MAKE SURE LUCIUS AND HIS FAMILY ARE SAFE DURING ALL THIS.

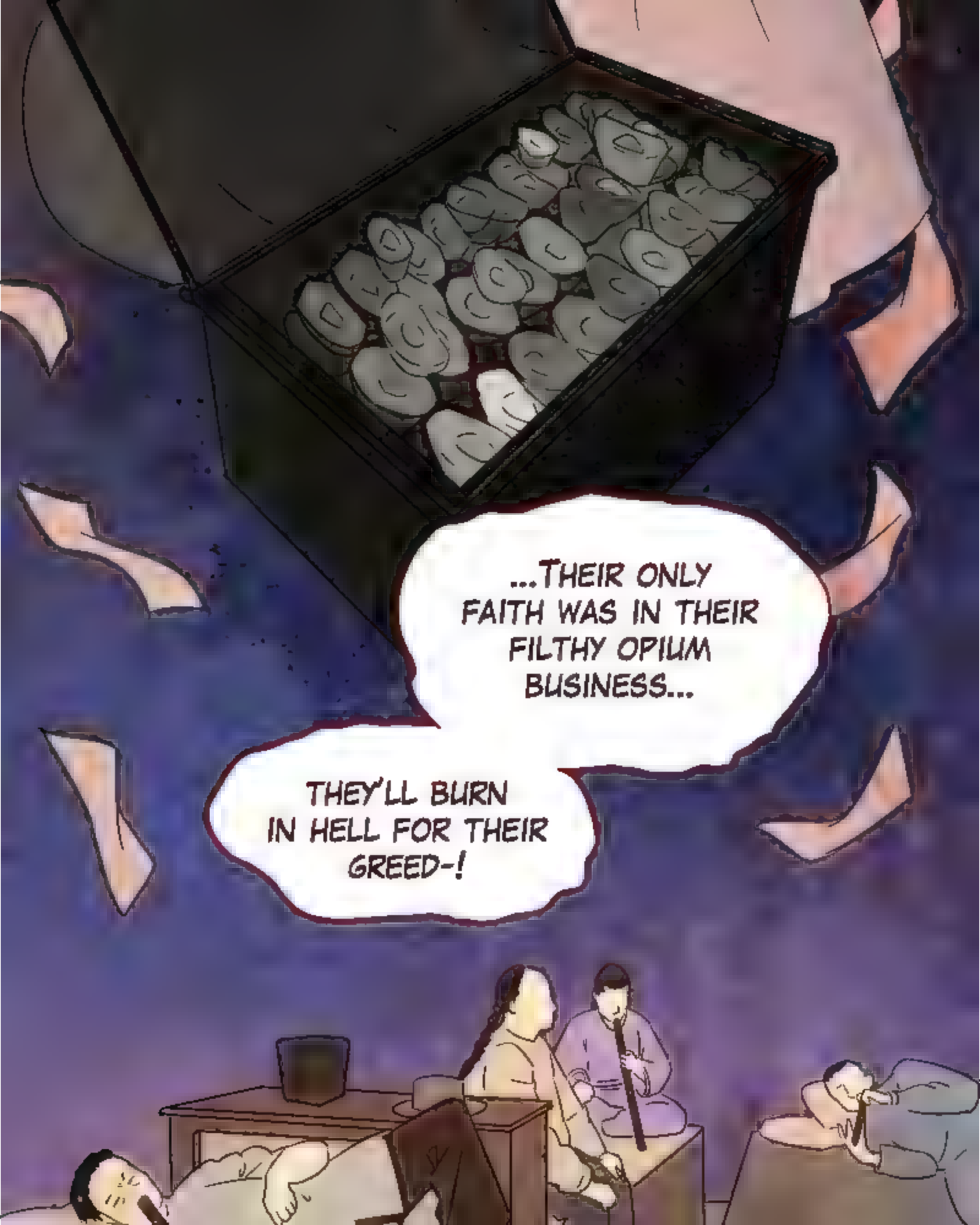
THIS IS THE LAST THING I CAN DO FOR YOU, LUCIUS...
EXPLAIN, HAYATE--

EXPLAIN ALL THIS TO ME!
WHO ARE YOU?! WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR PROMISE?!

YOU SAID
YOU WOULD NEVER
LEAVE ME ALONE!
YOU SAID YOU
WOULD CHASE ME
TO HEAVEN NO MATTER
HOW UNREACHABLE
IT SEEMED!!


I'M ALL ALONE NOW, HAYATE...
MOTHER AND F-FATHER WERE KILLED WHILE WE WERE FLEEING YOUR ARMY'S ATTACKS!

I NEVER MANAGED TO CONVINCE THEM TO ACCEPT GOD'S SALVATION...


...THEIR ONLY FAITH WAS IN THEIR FILTHY OPIUM BUSINESS...
THEY'LL BURN IN HELL FOR THEIR GREED-!

I HAVE NOTHING LEFT BUT YOU!
HAYATE..!
IN THE WORLD OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD...

...YOU ARE
MY LAST AND
ONLY BELOVED!!

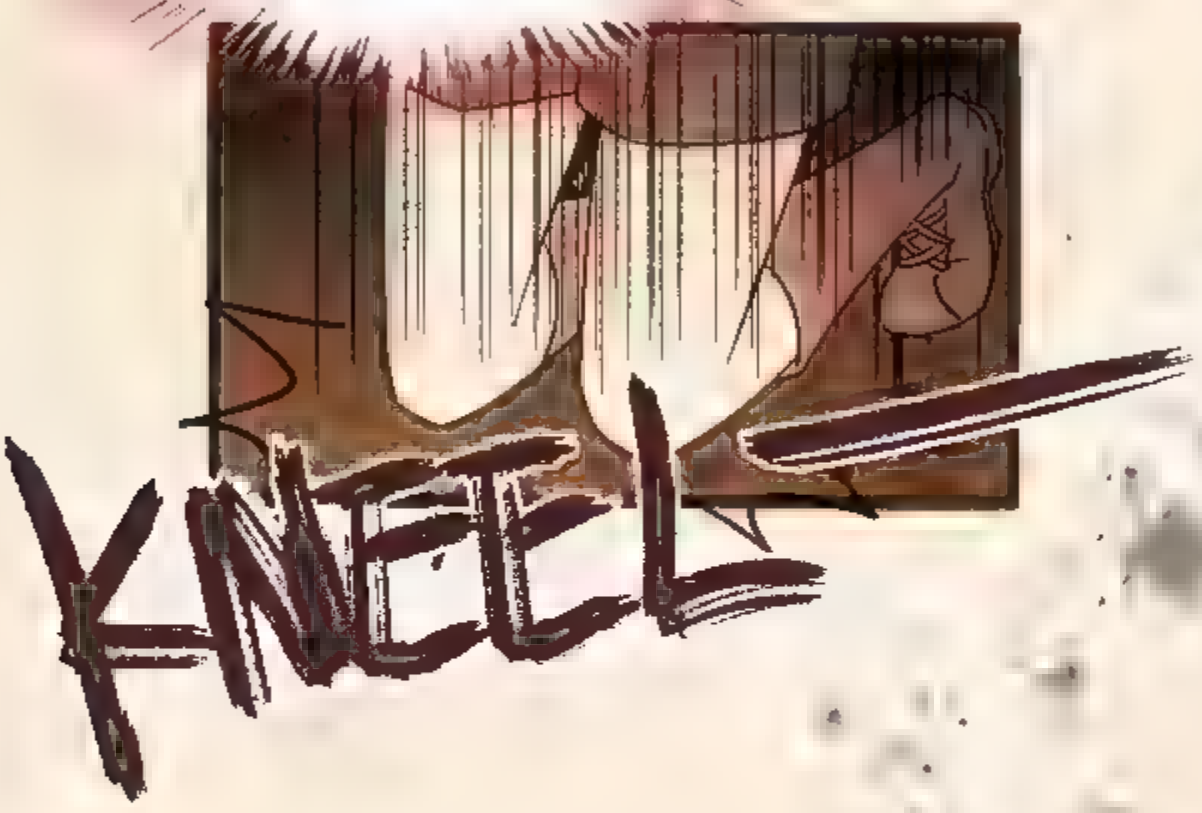
LUCIUS...

I'M SORRY...

HAYATE!!

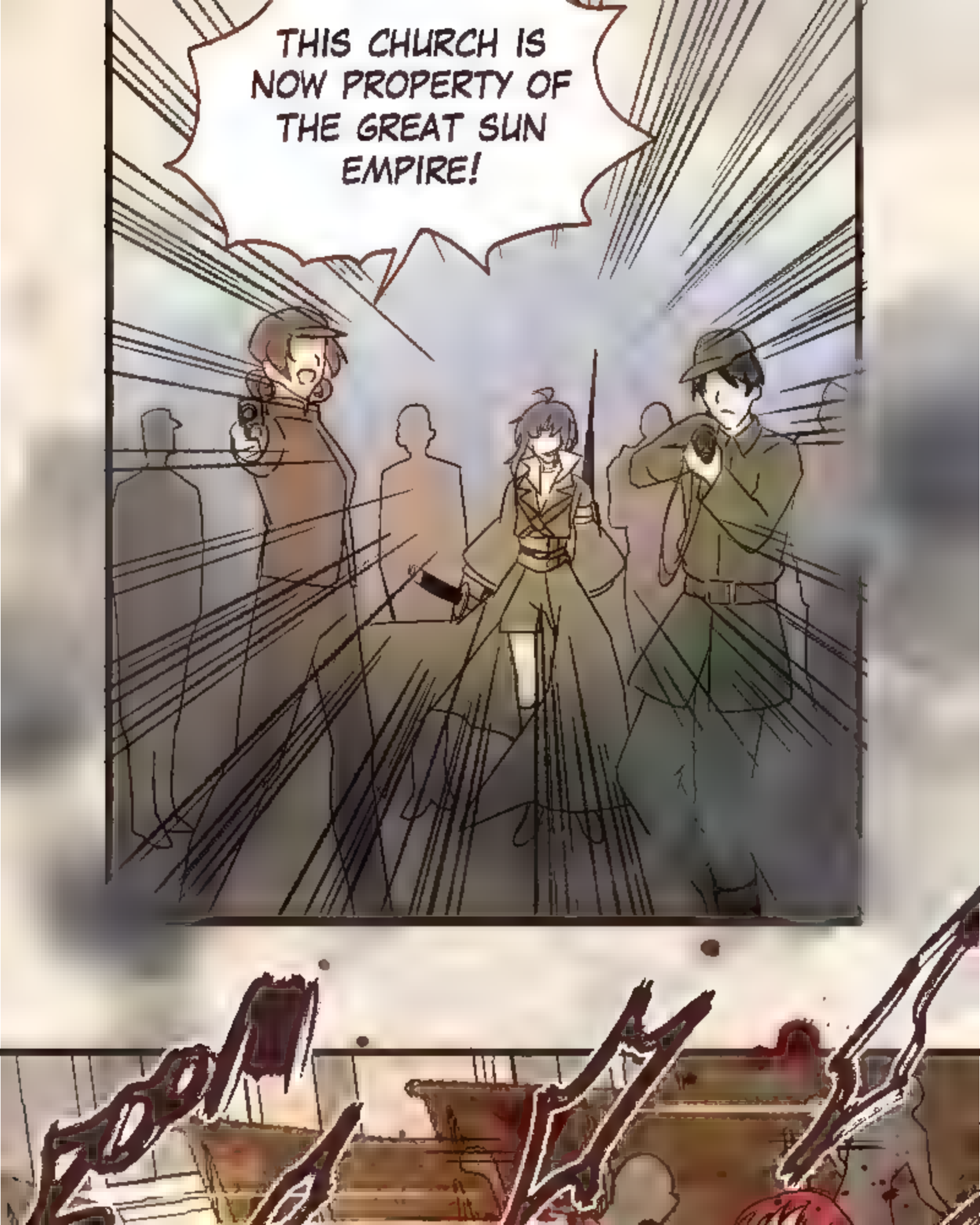
I'M A LIAR AND A TRAITOR...
...I'M UNWORTHY OF YOUR LOVE AND YOUR TRUST, LUCIUS.

EVEN IF LUCIUS IS RIGHT, AND HIS GOD IS WILLING TO SACRIFICE HIMSELF TO SAVE ME...



I CAN NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF FOR

KILLING MY FATHER AND
MY COMMRADES...


THIS CHURCH IS NOW PROPERTY OF THE GREAT SUN EMPIRE!

BAM
BAM
BAM
TH-THAT SOLDIER IN THE MIDDLE--

I RECOGNIZE HIM!
THAT'S HAYATE!

THE PILOT BOY WE HELPED LUCIUS SAVE FROM THAT CRASH MONTHS AGO!
WHAT ON EARTH IS THIS ABOUT, HAYATE?!

LUCIUS TOLD US YOU'D ACCEPTED GOD INTO YOUR HEART. ARE YOU TURNING AWAY FROM THE HOLY FATHER?
AWAY FROM

LUCIUS, AND THE PEOPLE WHO SAVED YOUR LIFE?!
pull

ENOUGH OF YOUR CHRISTIAN BULLSHIT!

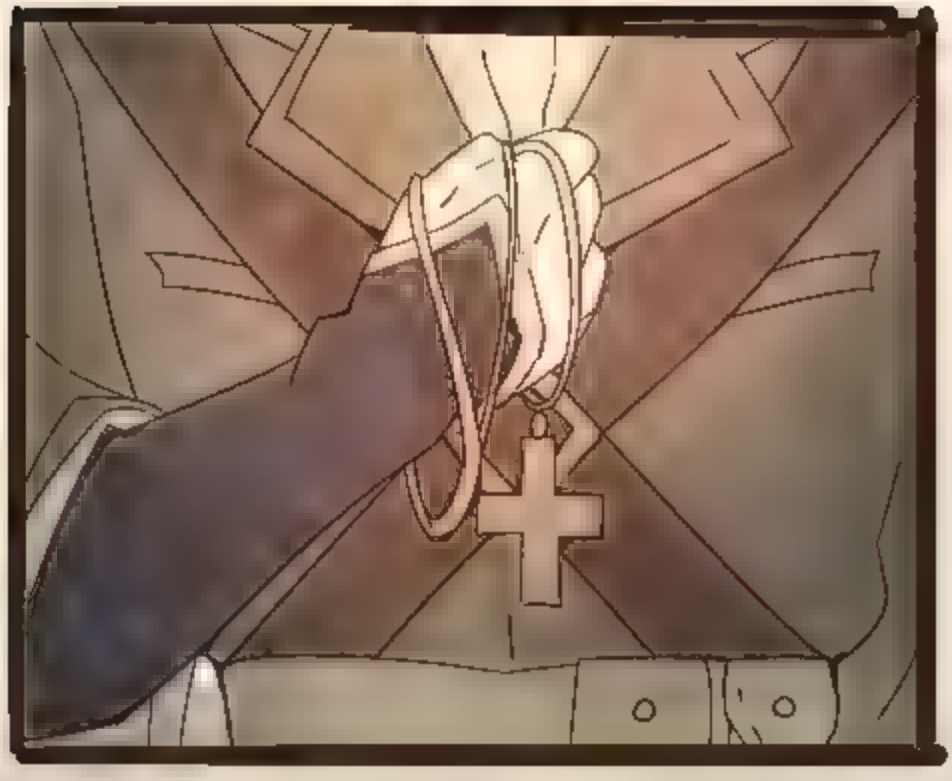
PASH

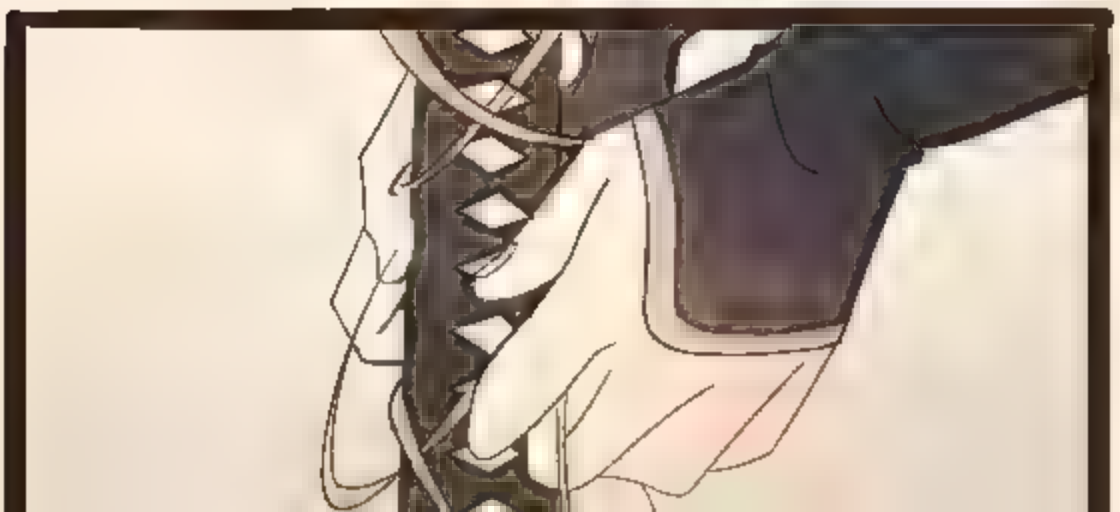
THE SOLDIERS OF THE GREAT SUN EMPIRE BELONG TO NO ONE EXCEPT OUR TENNOU EMPEROR!

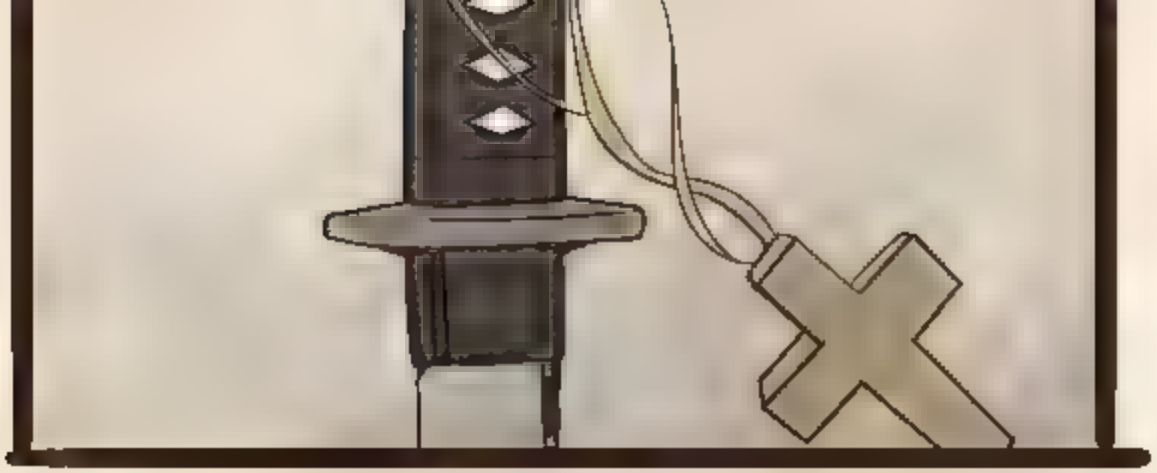
STAB

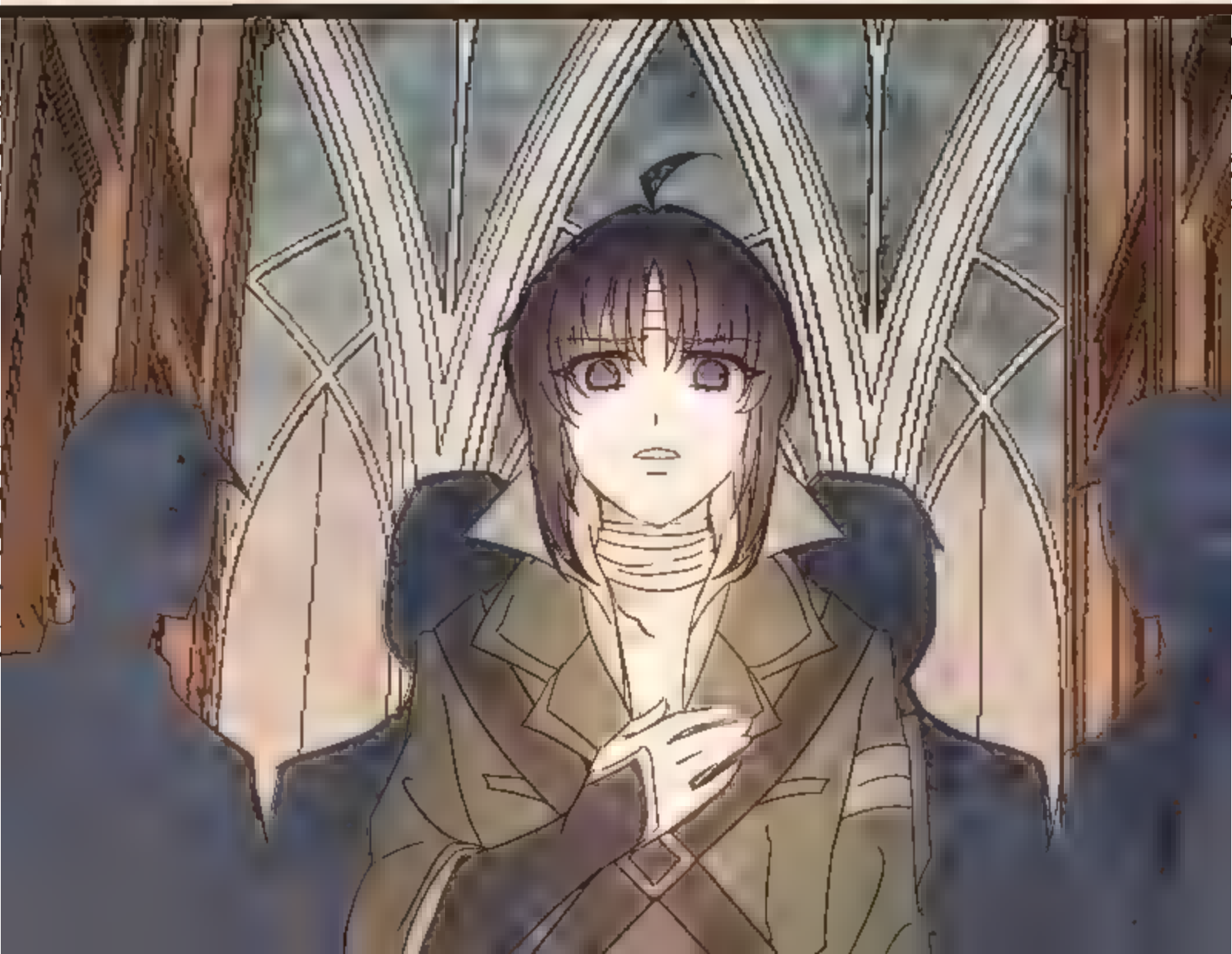
TELL THEM, HAYATE--
LONG LIVE OUR GREAT SUN EMPIRE-!

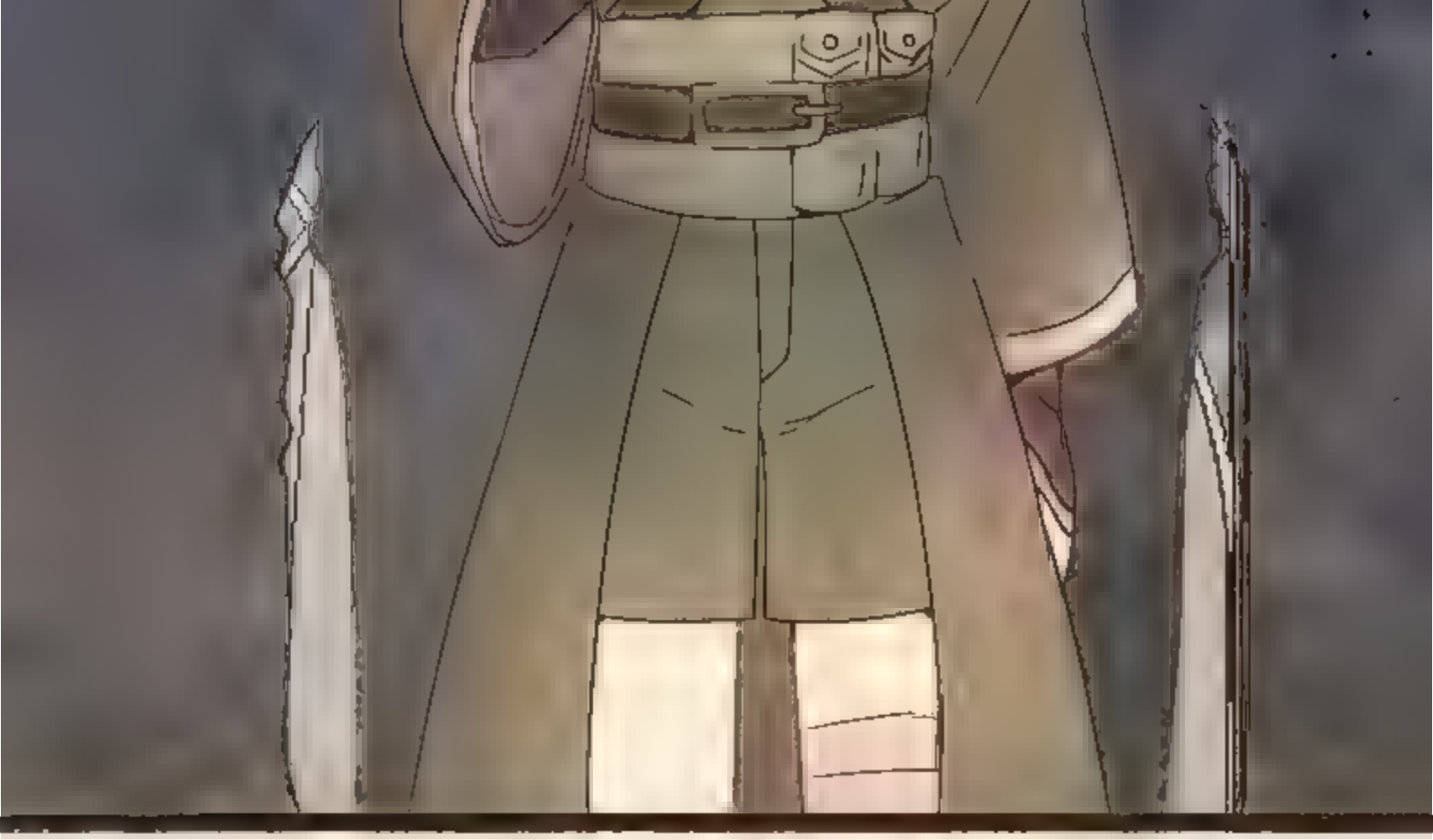
BANZAI!!!











THAT'S RIGHT...
MY SOUL BELONGS TO THE GREAT SUN EMPIRE...

BELONGS TO
THE GREAT TENNOU
MAJESTY.

MEETING LUCIUS WAS A MISTAKE FROM THE START.

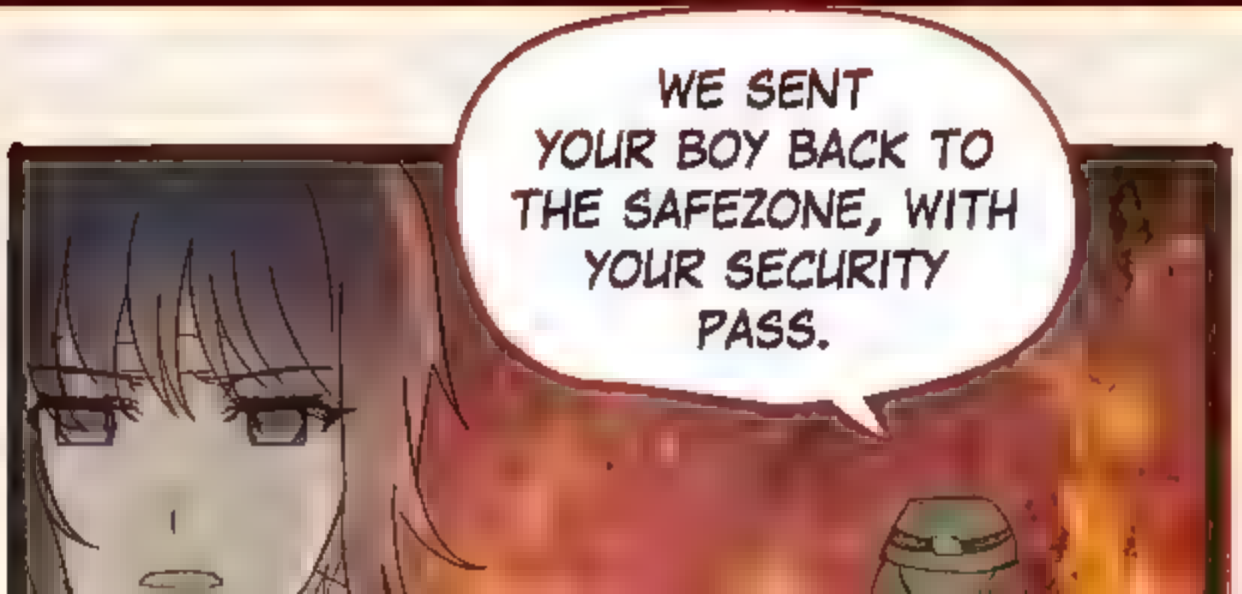
ALL THIS TRAGEDY, JUST BECAUSE OF ONE MISTAKE.
HIS AND MINE, BOTH.

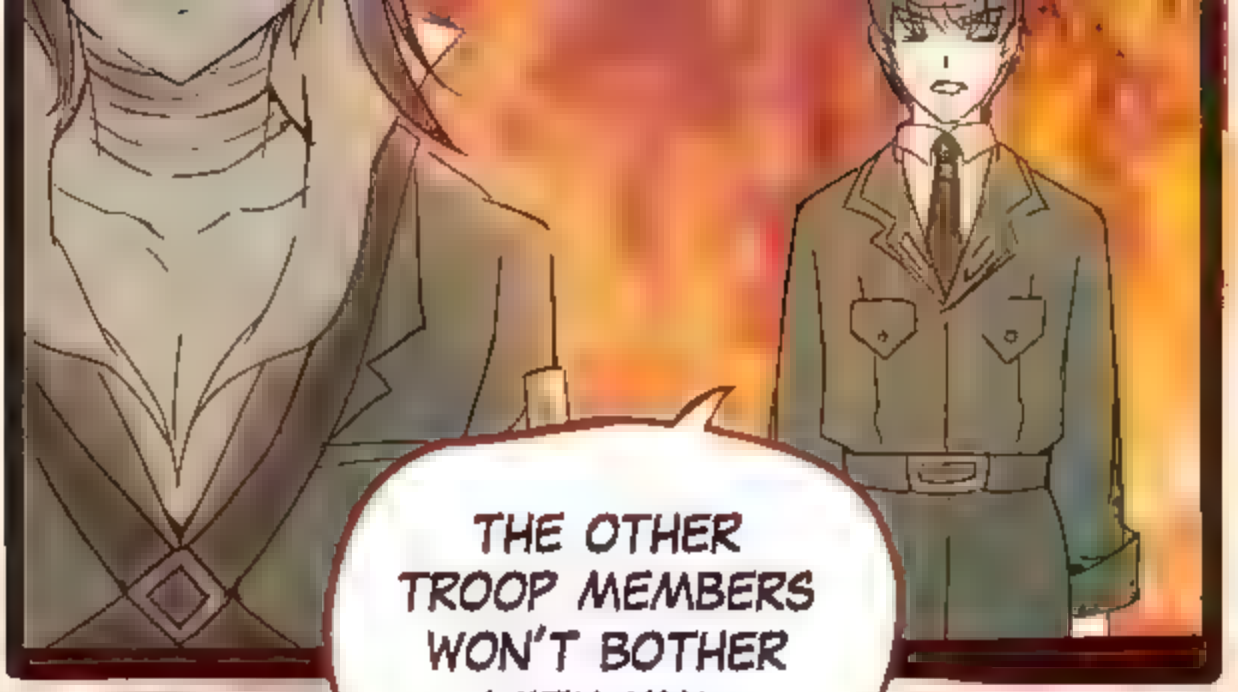
I WON'T TURN
MY BACK AGAIN ON THE
HOPES OF MY COMMRADES
AND THE HONOUR MY
FATHER EARNED ME.

EVEN IF I
END UP IN THE

THE DEEPEST PIT
OF HELL...

EVERYTHING IS READY, HAYATE.

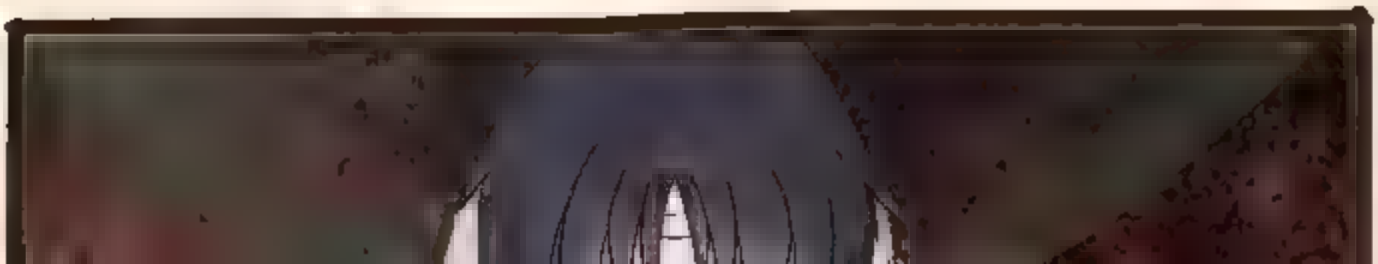

WE SENT YOUR BOY BACK TO THE SAFEZONE, WITH YOUR SECURITY PASS.

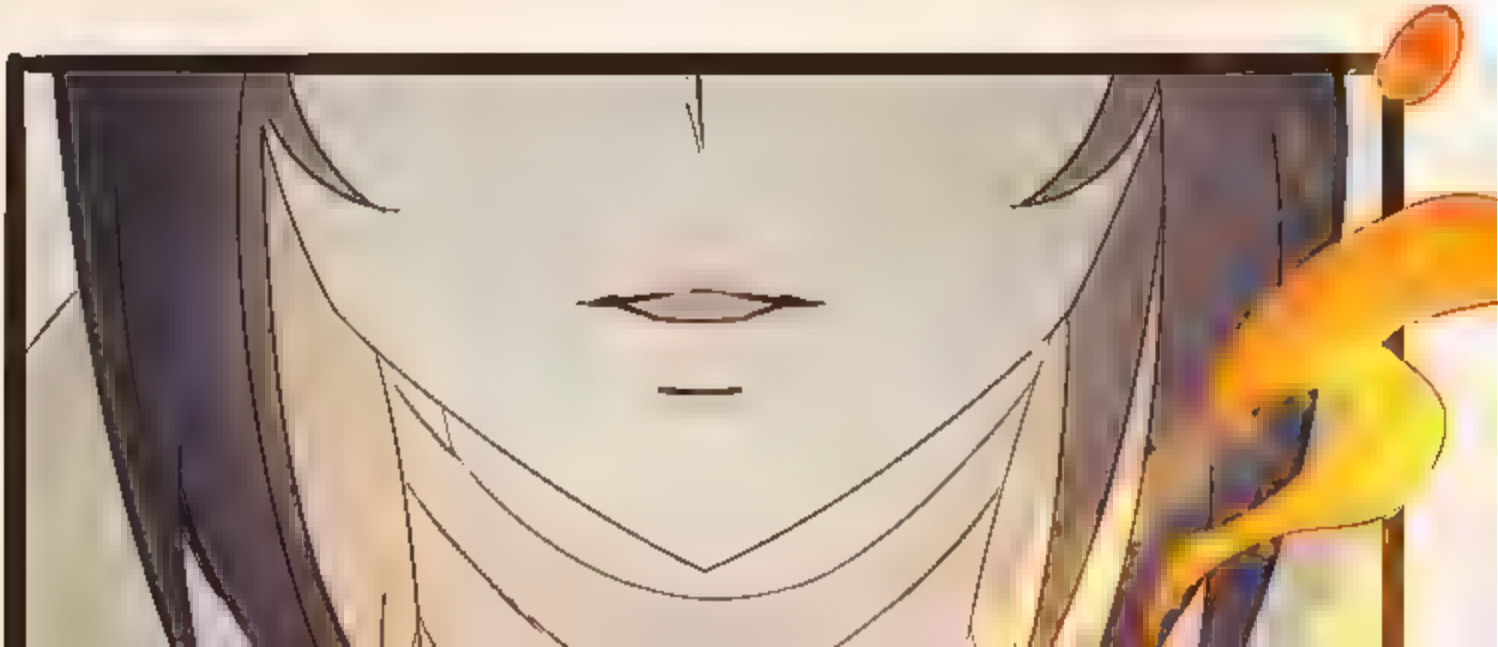


THE OTHER TROOP MEMBERS WON'T BOTHER WITH HIM.

THANK YOU.

I AM READY FOR TAKE OFF.





FATHER...

WE CAN FINALLY BE A HAPPY FAMILY TOGETHER!

LOOK!!
A JAPANESE
FIGHTER PLANE!

IT'S COMING RIGHT AT US!!

WHAT?! THIS IS A STREET IN THE THE CENTRAL CAPITAL!

HAVE THEIR TROOPS COMPLETELY LOST IT?!

THEY'VE BEEN CRAZY EVER SINCE THE ATOM BOMBS WERE DROPPED!
THIS HAS TO BE THEIR LAST RESORT--

RUN, EVERYONE--

--THEY'RE GOING TO CRASH INTO US!!!

I WAS TOLD THAT AFTER A GREAT SACRIFICE,

MY SOUL WOULD BE RELEASED FROM MY MORTAL BODY..

AND I WOULD BECOME A GOD,
HONORING MY MOTHERLAND IN
THE AFTERLIFE.

BUT WHAT I SAW AFTER DEATH...

...WAS A BURNING PURGATORY FULL OF SOULS CRYING OUT IN ENDLESS PAIN.

IN ENDLESS REGRET
FOR THEIR SINS,

AND IN ENDLESS REMORSE FOR
DECLINING LUCIUS'S GOD'S SALVATION.

AND I SAW HIM.

HIS BRIGHT LIGHT, CHASING ME,
CHASING HIS PARENTS.
TRYING TO CONVINCE

US TO ACCEPT GOD'S
SALVATION.
THAT'S WHEN I FINALLY
UNDERSTOOD THE TRUE
MEANING OF "REMORSE".

I GAVE UP OUR VOW FOR HIM.
GAVE UP MY NAME, MY HONOR.

BUT HE CHOSE ME
OVER HEAVEN.

HE MADE A DEAL WITH
A DEVIL TO SAVE ME.

IF HE BECAME A TEMPLAR
OF PURGATORY...

THE WHITE DEVIL WOULD HELP HIM WIN SAFE PASSAGE BACK TO HEAVEN FOR ALL OF US.

SALVATION FOR EVERY SOUL WHO
REJECTED GOD THE FIRST TIME.

THE ONLY COST WAS HIS SOUL.
ONE IN EXCHANGE FOR TRILLIONS.

AND ALL I COULD DO
WAS WATCH.

POWERLESS TO STOP HIM
FROM FALLING INTO THE
WHITE DEVIL'S TRAP.

ALL I CAN DO NOW
IS COMPLETE THE DEVIL'S
CONTRACT ON HIS BEHALF.

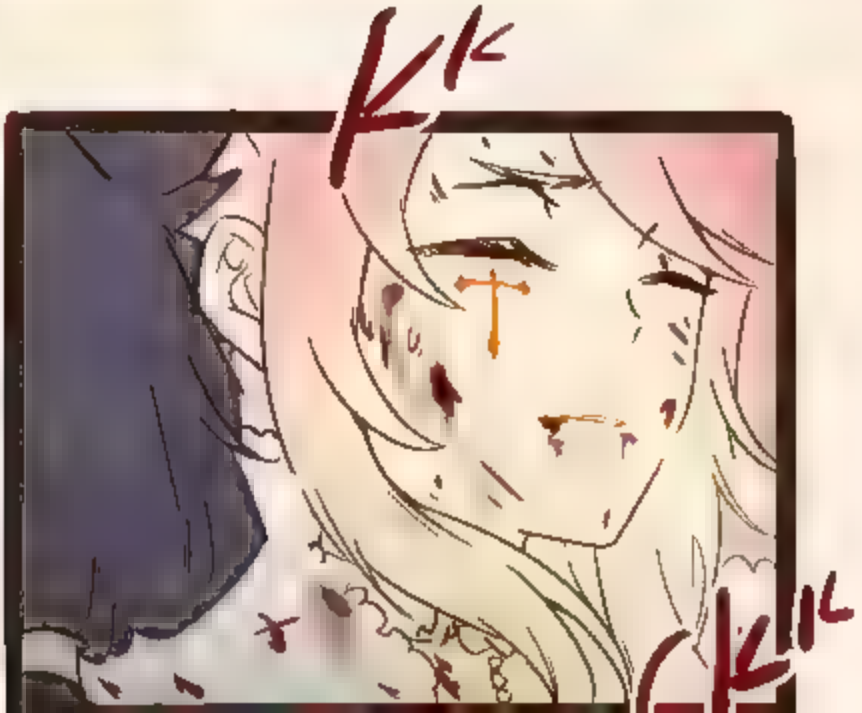
PROTECT THE PURITY
AND SANCTITY OF HIS SOUL,

SO THAT HE CAN
RETURN TO HEAVEN.

BUT EVEN IN THIS...

I FAILED.

COUGH
COUGH
?!!
COUGH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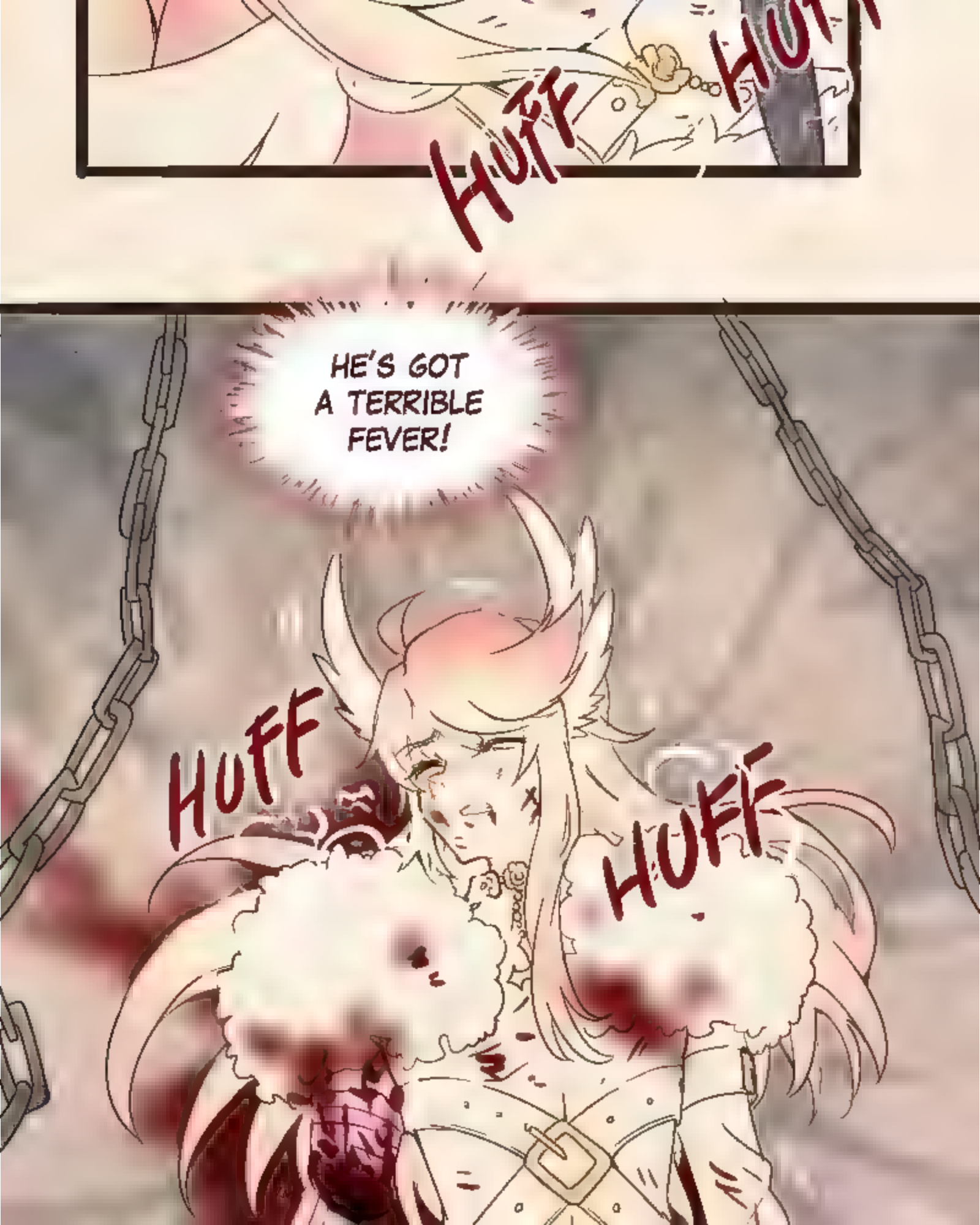
LUCIUS!
HE'S BURNING UP!


HUFF
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HE'S GOT A TERRIBLE FEVER!
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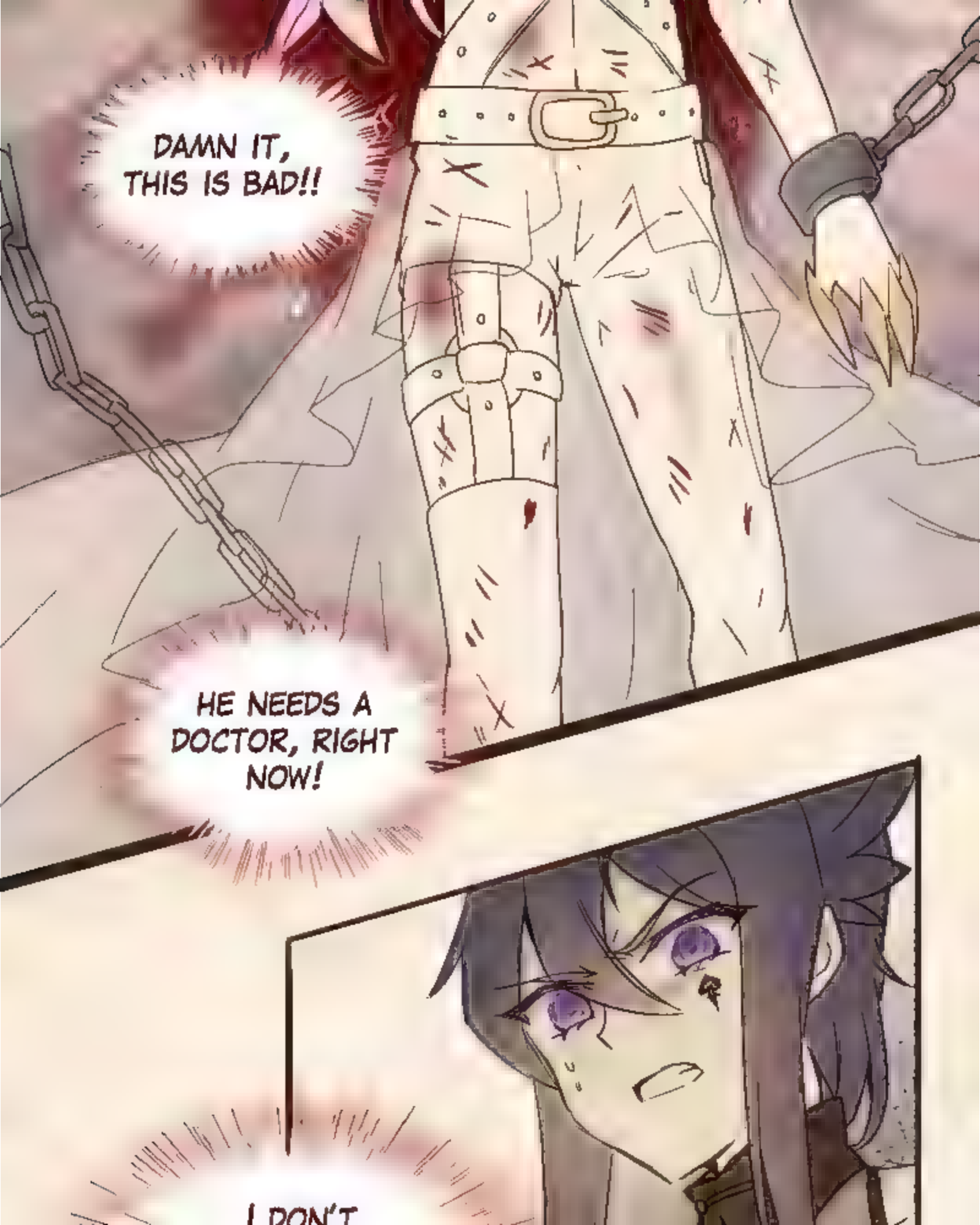
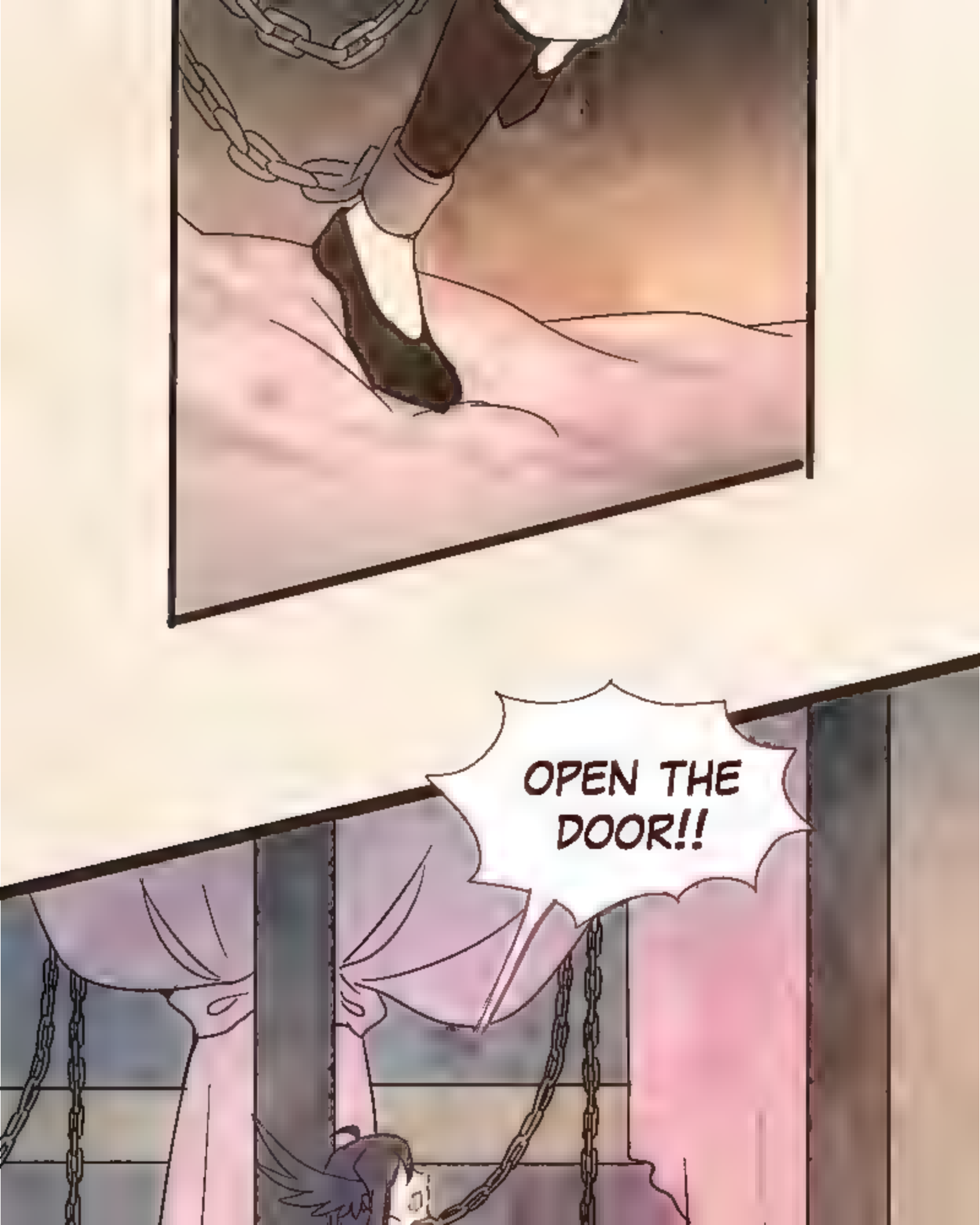
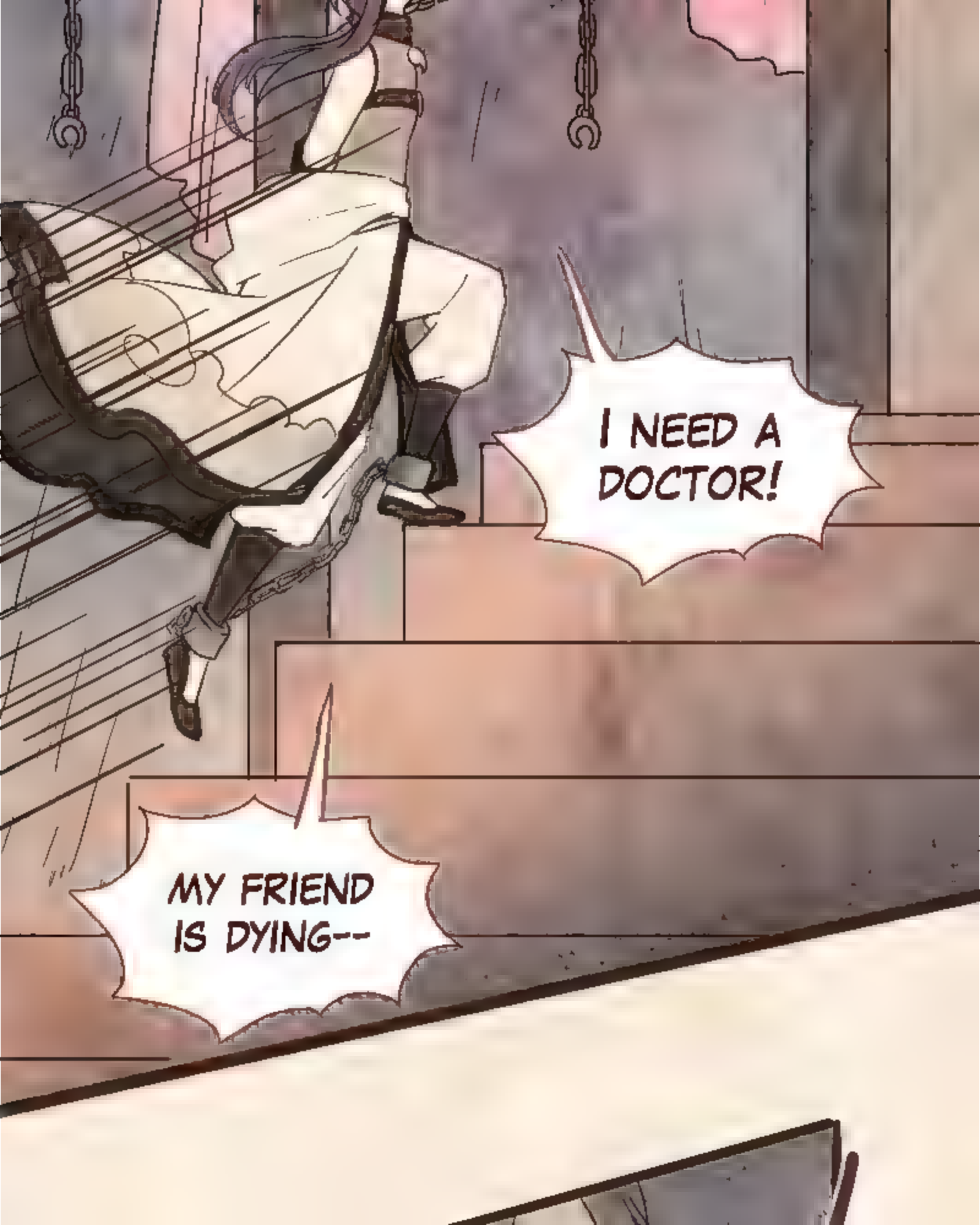
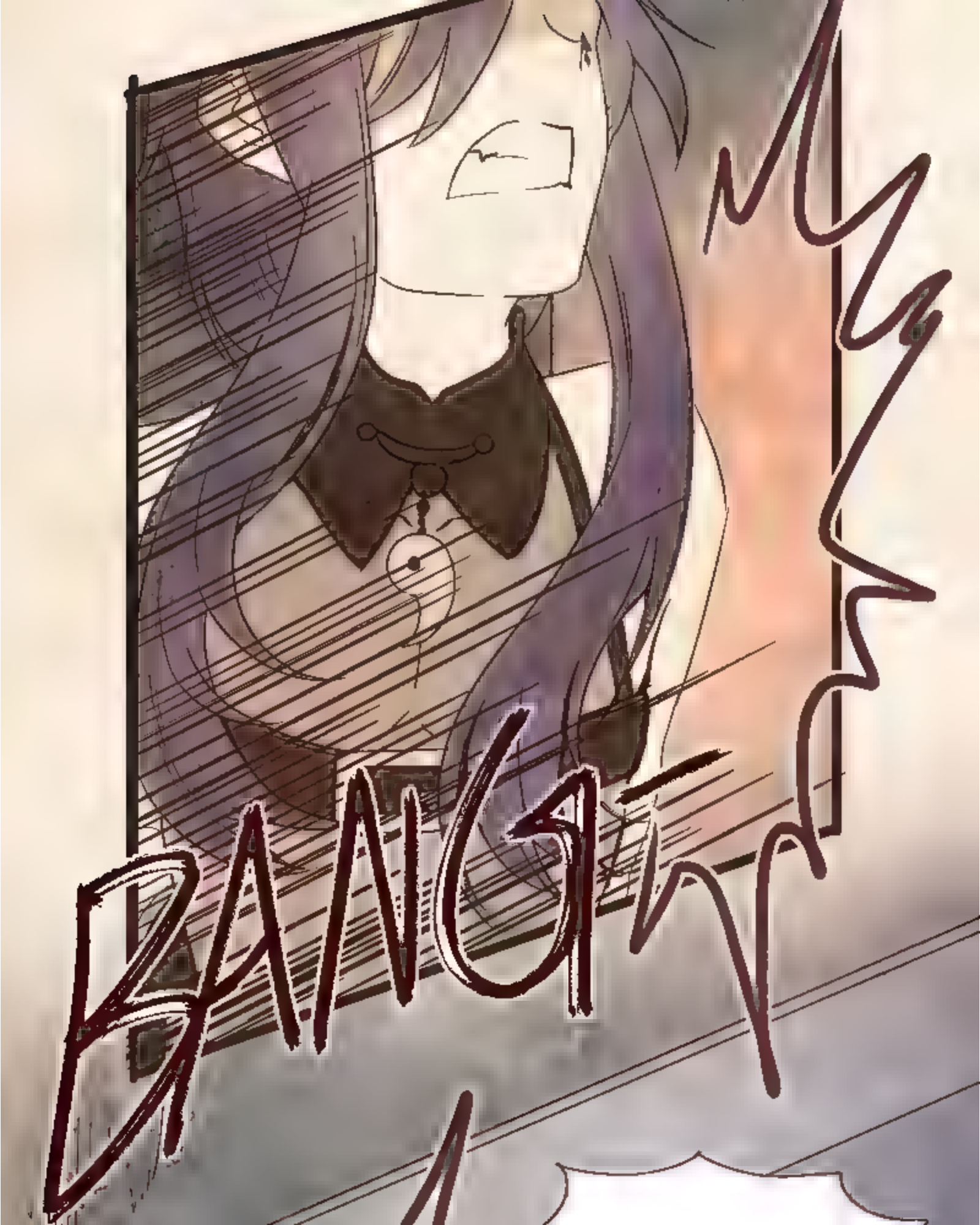

DAMN IT, THIS IS BAD!!
HE NEEDS A DOCTOR, RIGHT NOW!
I DON'T

I DON'T
HAVE ANYWHERE
NEAR ENOUGH MANA
TO HELP HIM--
HIS ARM
MUST'VE GOTTEN
INFECTED!


OPEN THE DOOR!!


I NEED A DOCTOR!
MY FRIEND IS DYING--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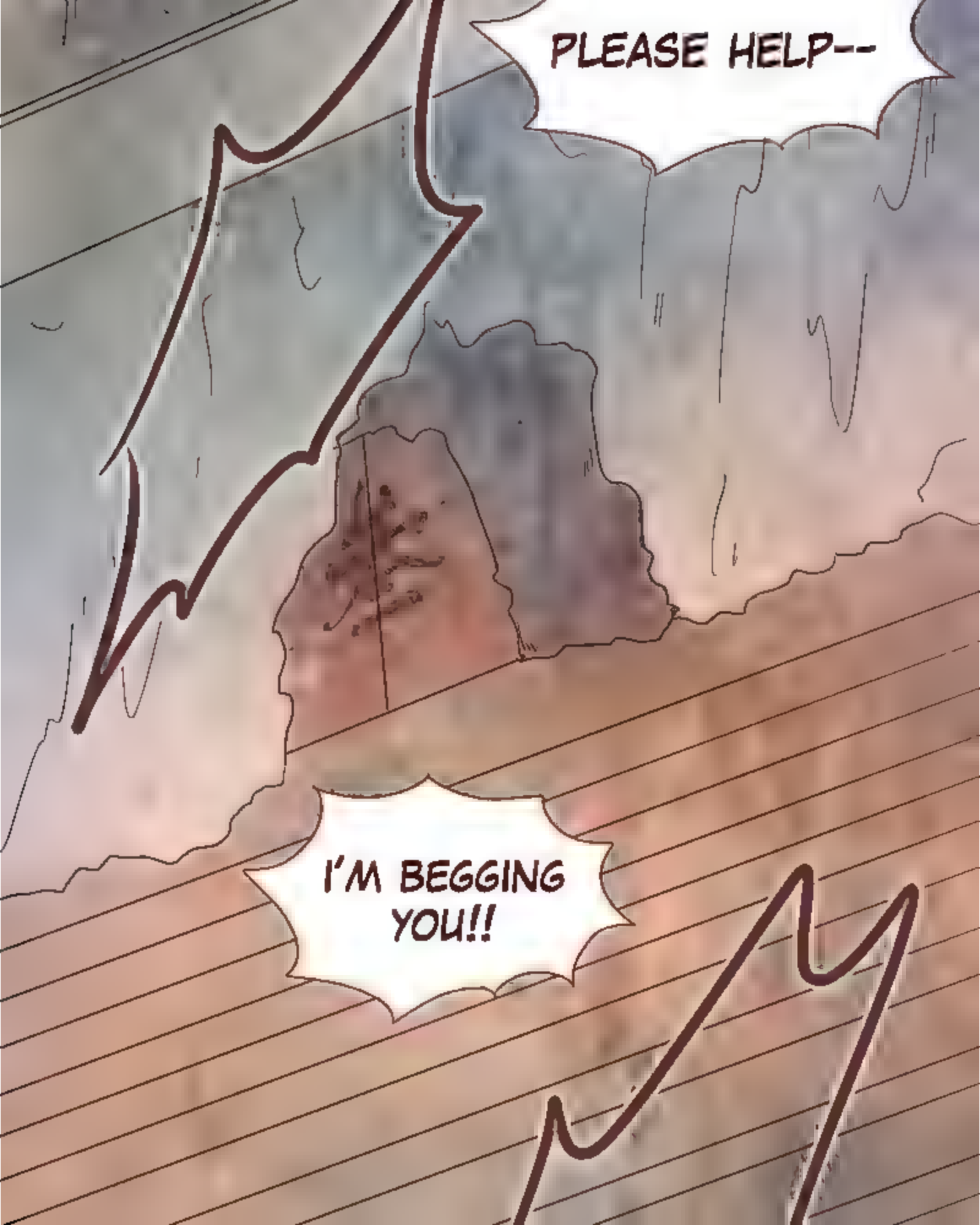
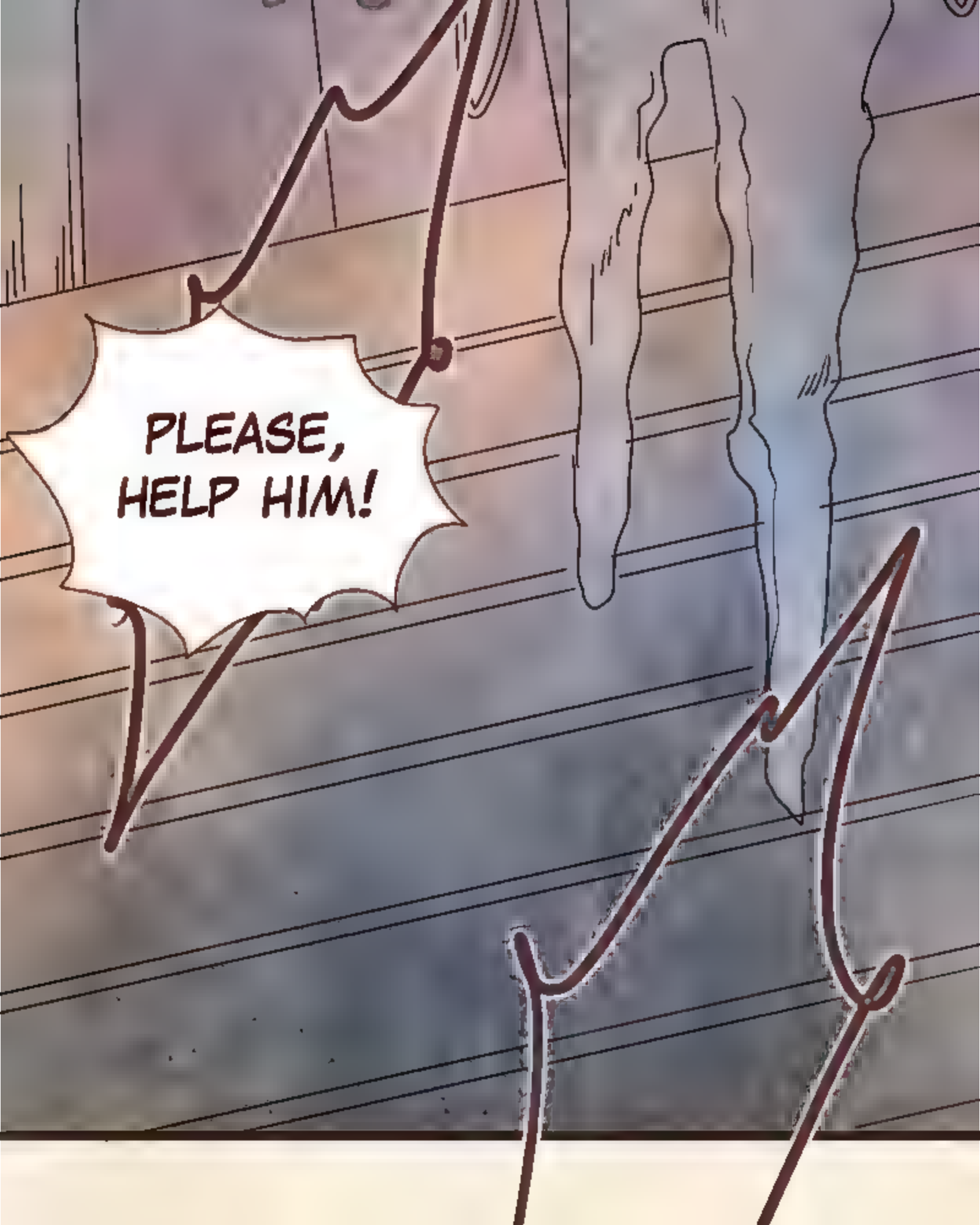
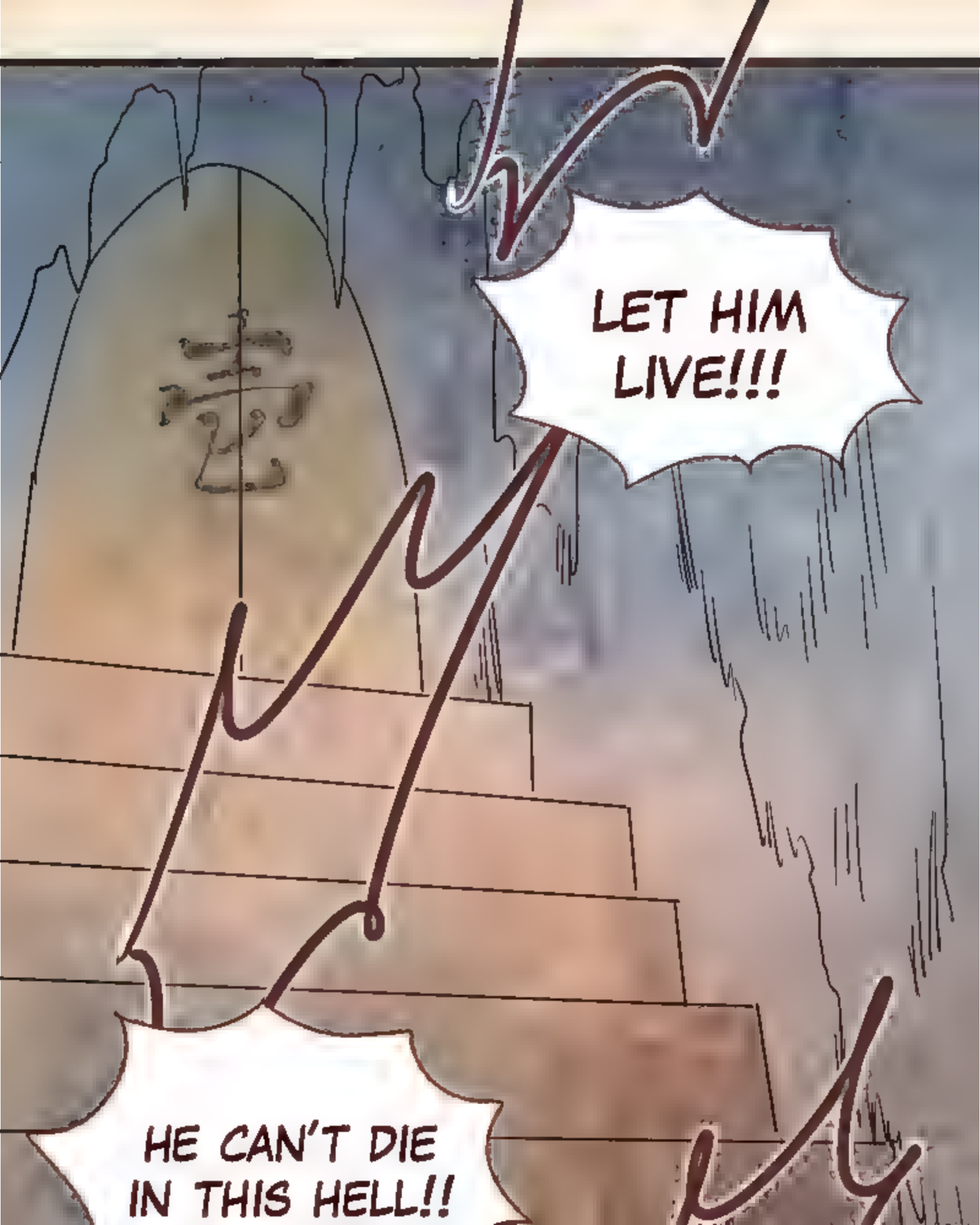

PLEASE HELP--
I'M BEGGING YOU!!

I'LL DO ANYTHING!


PLEASE, HELP HIM!


LET HIM LIVE!!!
HE CAN'T DIE IN THIS HELL!!

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We will be selling Phantom Paradise merch and prints!

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